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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 13 October Beachcombing near Adelaide

Bob Baldock will be our speaker in October. Bob is an Honorary Research Associate with the State Herbarium of SA, where his speciality is red algae. Bob will speak to us about local marine natural history and bring some ancient dried specimens for Friends to examine. You are also invited to bring along some of your own (not too smelly!) specimens for Bob's appraisal.

Thursday 10 November Managing Threatened Species

Peter Copley, Senior Ecologist with DEWNR, will address our last meeting for the year. Peter will talk about his experience in habitat and species recovery, including his lead role in developing the Regional Recovery Plan for threatened species and ecological communities in the Mount Lofty Ranges, and his work with Threatened Species Network groups throughout South Australia.

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!

Exciting joint initiative between
Willunga Environment Centre and Friends of Aldinga Scrub

Bats in the Basin

Would you like to discover more about these elusive creatures who inhabit Aldinga Scrub?

You are invited to come along to an introductory workshop at the Willunga Environment Centre where you will learn about the local species, their habitats and behaviours. Following the workshop, you may like to join us on a field trip in Aldinga Scrub where you will have an opportunity to use our new monitoring equipment to record and identify bat sounds.



Chocolate Wattled Bat
Source: Australian National Botanic Gardens

Each of these sessions will be led by Terry Reardon, expert in Australasian bats at the SA Museum.

If you wish to come to one or both of the sessions, mark the dates in your diary now. Please note that bookings are essential for each session and you are advised to book early!

Workshop: Willunga Environment Centre
Tuesday 22 November from 7:00 to 9:30 pm
To book, please contact the WEC on 8556 4188
or at info@willungaenviro.org.au

Field trip: Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park
Thursday 9 February 2017 from 7:00 pm to dark
To book, please contact Helen on 8556 43166
or at info@friendsofaldingascrub.com.au



Note the dates of our annual end-of-year events

Tube filling day

Sunday 20 November at 10:00 am

8 Corry Court, Aldinga Beach

Gather around the workbench as we fill tubes ready for next year's propagation program. Get your hands dirty while we chat about matters pertaining to Aldinga Scrub, life, and the universe.

Breakfast in the Park

Sunday 4 December at 9:00 am

Meet at Gate 12, cnr of Acacia Tce / Quondong Ave

BYO everything

Join us for our informal end of year gathering in the Park where we take a well-earned opportunity to enjoy the surroundings and the company of fellow Friends.

For information about any of these events, please contact Helen on 8556 3166 or helenmcs@ozemail.com.au

Showcasing Friends of Aldinga Scrub in the community

Aldinga on Display

We will have a stand in the Aldinga Central Mall on Saturday 22 October from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We would love you to come along and help promote our group, or just say hello if you are passing by.



Willunga Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November

Once again, we will have an entry in the Festival and our tree will be on view at the Willunga Uniting Church.

Would you like to help create our tree? Or visit the Festival and cast a vote for our tree?



From the committee

- We are continuing to participate in an informal group which was established to oppose the proposed Sellicks Beach Motor Cycle races to be held at Silver Sands. As it seems likely now that a permit will be issued for the event by the City of Onkaparinga, the group is focussing on ensuring that the least possible environmental damage is caused during the 2 day event to be held in February 2017. With 10,000 tickets to be issued, the event will require facilities such as grandstands, toilets, fencing, food and drink stands, and car parking which will place the sensitive Washpool, intertidal and dune zones under considerable threat. The applicants have indicated that they will be applying to run this event every 2 years so next year's event will need to be thoroughly monitored.
- Several Friends are looking forward to hearing an interesting range of speakers and participating in field trips at the annual Friends of Parks Inc Forum to be held in October at Hallett Cove.
- Thanks to the City of Onkaparinga for providing us with a grant to purchase bat monitoring equipment which will be available for use by other community groups as well. We are looking forward to using the equipment at the forthcoming workshops and field trips.
- Several Friends recently attended a Soup and Damper evening at the Willunga Environment Centre, where we shared news about our activities with other groups and enjoyed chatting with fellow environmentalists in the region.

Park news

- Monitoring of our 3 sites has now been completed by the Bushland Monitoring team.
- Working bee teams have been very busy clearing fallen branches which have blown onto the tracks in the heavy winds.
- The teams have been pulling veldt grass and lupins in the northern section of the Park.
- Our contractors have nearly completed their projects for 2016, removing the veldt grass, bridal creeper and woody weeds which have flourished in the wet conditions this year.
- New equipment has been provided by our Ranger Jodie, including hi-viz vests with FoAS logo, gloves and mallets, and a well-stocked first aid kit.



NRM volunteers thank you BBQ

Saturday 12 November

10:00 am—2:30 pm

Perry's Bend, Onkaparinga Recreation Park

You are invited to come along and join Friends from other groups at this annual celebration of our hard work and great friendships. Please phone Carly Cocks on 8273 9100 or send an email to carly.cocks@sa.gov.au if you would like to attend.

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

