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NEWSLETTER

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## Coming meetings

**Thursday 8 June**

### **Junior Ranger Program in Papua New Guinea**

Steve Wunderlich, with his partner Anne O'Dea, works with young people in the Morose Province of New Guinea which is home to the endangered Matschie's tree kangaroo. Come and hear some Adelaide locals talk about their work on a new Junior Ranger Program to educate and inspire kids in remote areas of Papua New Guinea. Steve and Anne are also assisting the Conservation Area managers to develop a monitoring program to explore the richness and effectiveness of the protected reefs.

**Thursday 13 July**

### **Wildlife of the Fleurieu and Murraylands**

Aidan Bradford is a member of our group and a dedicated 'birder'. Aidan will discuss how he approaches his wildlife photography and some of the techniques he uses. Throughout his talk, Aidan will show us just a few of the magnificent photographs he has taken in our region. We'll see images of birds, butterflies, dragonflies and even wombats!

Our meetings are held in the  
Aldinga Library  
at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of  
each month

(February to November)

**All welcome!**

## Two important dates for your diary



**Annual Planting Day**

**Sunday 23 July**

**from 10:00 am**

Meet at Gate 3 (eastern end of the Boomerang Fire Track) near the Aldinga Beach Holiday Park on Cox Road.

We'll be planting grasses in the new enclosure. If possible, BYO gloves and spade.

For more information, contact John on 0488 552 797.

**We're celebrating our 30th  
birthday!**

**Sunday 20 August**

**Aldinga Beach Holiday Park**



Thanks to the great support of our many members over the past 30 years, we are thrilled to achieve this very significant milestone.

The celebration will include a walk in Aldinga Scrub, a shared meal and presentation of awards to Friends who have been members of our group for 10 or more years.

Invitations will be sent soon, but mark the date in your diary now!

# Aldinga Washpool Lagoon

\*\*\*\*\* A RARE COASTAL WETLAND \*\*\*\*\*

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After many months of preparation, the Aldinga Washpool website has now been launched. Almost 100 reports, which have been compiled about the Washpool over some 40 years, have been uploaded to the website and can now be accessed in one convenient location.

The website also includes a comprehensive gallery, and we'd love more photos! We encourage you to forward your images of the Washpool environs for inclusion in the gallery. Please submit photos to Julie at [sunju@internode.on.net](mailto:sunju@internode.on.net).

You will be amazed at the amount of information available on this site, check it out at [www.aldingawashpool.net](http://www.aldingawashpool.net)

## Committee news

- Gold passes were recently issued to long-term Friends Julie Burgher and Neville Hudson for 15 years of active service to our group—well done Julie and Neville!
- We have been involved in consultation with City of Onkaparinga in regard to a planned land subdivision at the eastern end of Hart Road to ensure that stormwater from the development does not negatively impact on ASCP.
- Ongoing discussions are currently being held with a view to establishing an Onkaparinga Environmental Adversary Group which would provide advice to council on issues with potential environmental impacts.
- Bushland Condition Monitoring will be undertaken this year at Site 1. Data from previous years' monitoring is currently being processed for inclusion in the state-wide database coordinated by Peter Mahoney from the Nature Conservation Society of SA.

## Park news

- The working bee crews have reported that following high rainfalls last winter, outbreaks of onion weed, Scabiosa and African daisy in the north-eastern section of the Park are at unprecedented levels and are beyond the scope of our volunteers to deal with.
- It is of great concern that cubbies and campsites are being found regularly in the Park. Many are quite sophisticated, involving tents, furniture and fire pits, as well as cooking utensils and other camping equipment. There is also evidence that timber has been cut from living trees. Reports of illegal activity are passed on to our Rangers, so please let us know if you come across this type of vandalism
- *Stemodia florulenta*, which was newly sighted near the eastern ponds a few years ago, is germinating well and our working bee crews will be hand-weeding in the area to encourage strong growth this season.

**Membership  
subscriptions  
for  
2017/2018  
now due!**

Family	\$15:00
Individual	\$10:00
Concession	\$8:00

*Thanks to all Friends who have renewed their memberships, others will receive a reminder if your subs are still outstanding.*

## 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)

