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NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 30 years working together for Aldinga Scrub!



We would love all our Friends, old and new, to come along and help us celebrate this significant milestone.

Sunday 20 August
Aldinga Beach Holiday Park
Cox Road Aldinga Beach

The program for the day will be

- 10:45 am meet at the Holiday Park, Cox Road (off Main South Road)
- 11:00 am commence walk in Aldinga Scrub where we will enjoy seeing the Park in its spring glory, including lilies and orchids on display
- 12:30 pm delicious light lunch (soups, sandwiches, pies and pasties, tea and coffee)
- 1:00 pm presentations of awards, cutting of the cake
- 2:00 pm close

For catering purposes, we will need to know if you are joining us, so please RSVP by 1 August. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. You can reply by emailing info@friendsofaldingascrub.com.au or call Helen on 8556 3166.

Coming meetings

Thursday 10 August

Uncovering the secret life of small mammals

Our District Ecologist, Elisa Sparrow, will speak about projects she is developing on the Fleurieu, including a study she is planning to undertake in Aldinga Scrub with members of our group volunteering as her field assistants. Elisa will provide information about the conservation status, ecology, behaviour, habitat requirements and distribution of small mammals in our region.

Thursday 14 September

Reminiscing about Aldinga Scrub

As we reflect on the past 30 years of Friends of Aldinga Scrub, our speaker for this meeting will take us back even further! Nancy Weisbrodt, who has been a member of our group for several years, first came to Aldinga when her family built a shack in the 1930s. As a child, she explored the sparsely populated beachside settlement, the Scrub and the beach. Nancy will be sharing her stories from those early days.

Our meetings are held in the Aldinga Library at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month (February to November)

All welcome!

Committee news

- Julie, Neville and Aidan led a group of families through Aldinga Scrub on Sunday 16 July. The walk was organised by Matt Adams from City of Onkaparinga as an activity in the 'Big Backyard' program. On a freezing cold and windy morning, some 15 people came along to learn more about our unique Scrub and how we must care for it.
- It's time to start thinking about Christmas already! Once again, we have been invited to submit an entry in the Willunga Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival to be held in November. If you would like to join our creative team and help construct a tree for the theme 'Follow that star', we'd love to hear from you!
- Unfortunately our long-term contractor Rebekah Crawford is no longer available to continue her work treating veldt grass around the Coral Lichen Circuit. We thank Rebekah for her dedication to restoring the biodiversity of this section of the Park. We are very please that NRM have engaged a new contractor, Kieran Brewer, to continue this vital work.



Walk in Aldinga Scrub
Sunday 27 August

Meet at 10:00 am. Dover Street carpark

You are invited to come along to this walk and share your love of Aldinga Scrub with a group of visitors who have signed up through the Environment Centre. You might also tell them how much you enjoy being a member of our group and encourage them to join us!

Park news

- Planting is in full swing at this time, both in the eastern boundary enclosure and on the dune face. Thanks to all our growers who have helped to get the seedlings ready for planting.
- NRM have engaged a contractor, Tony Paterson, to treat onion weed and bamboo in the southern section of the Park. Tony has worked with us on grant projects for many years and is very familiar with Aldinga Scrub.

Fungal Foray

In June, a group of Friends enjoyed a walk in Deep Creek Conservation Park led by Thelma Bridle, who is a member of our group and a recognised expert in the fungi of South Australia. Along the Stringybark Loop, Thelma identified some 50 species of fungi which were recorded and photographed by her keen students.



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.

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