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## Coming meetings

### **Thursday 12 October** **Anthropological Surveys on** **the Fleurieu coast**

In 1993 and 1994, Tom Gara, as a member of the Anthropological Society of South Australia, carried out an archaeological survey of the coast between Sellicks Beach and Waitpinga. The survey was funded by the National Estate Grants Program. Tom and his colleagues recorded numerous Aboriginal campsites and other archaeological features. In his talk, Tom will discuss the sites that were found and also sites located by earlier researchers.

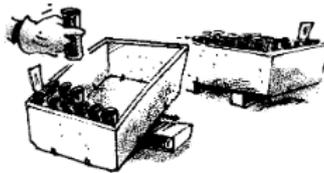
### **Thursday 9 November** **Weeds of South Australia**

Chris Brodie will speak about his important work as the Weeds Botanist for the State Herbarium. Chris works closely with land managers to identify, collect and document the naturalised flora of South Australia. As the point of contact for anyone with a suspected new weed species, Chris is able to confirm or identify these potential threats to our natural environment.

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

**All welcome!**

## Three important dates for your diary



**Tube filling day**  
**Sunday 19 November**  
**7 Palmer Street**  
**10:30 am onwards**

If you are able to help fill tubes ready for this summer's propagation program, we'd love to see you! It's not hard work, and there is lots of opportunity to chat while we get the job done. Depending on the number of helpers, we are usually finished by about 12:30 pm but you are welcome to arrive or leave at any time.

For more information, please phone Julie on 0418 459 450.

### **Breakfast in the Park**

**Sunday 3 December**

**Gate 12 (corner of Quandong Avenue and Acacia Terrace)**

**9:00 am onwards**

You are invited to attend our annual end-of-year gathering. At this very informal event, we bring our own breakfast and chairs, and just enjoy the company of fellow Friends and the opportunity to relax in the Park. Our breakfast is a great time to share stories and reflect on the achievements of 2017!

### **Willunga Christmas Tree Festival**

**2 and 3 December**

**Bethany Hall, St Andrews Terrace, Willunga**

Come along and view the diverse entries in this increasingly popular exhibition which reflects the purposes and activities of many of our local community groups. The theme for this year is 'Follow the Star'. Once again, the creative team from Friends of Aldinga Scrub are preparing an entry which is sure to be as inspiring as those in previous years.



While at the Festival, make sure you cast a vote for our entry in the People's Choice award!

**Let's celebrate volunteers!**  
**Saturday 4 November**  
**10:30 am—2:30 pm**  
**Onkaparinga Recreation Park**  
**Punchbowl Lookout, Piggott Range Road, Onkaparinga Hills**



Our NRM Rangers are inviting all Friends to join volunteers from other local groups at this annual celebration of our hard work and great friendships. Come and enjoy the view of spectacular Onkaparinga Gorge from the new Punchbowl Lookout. You will be able to take a short ranger-guided tour on the new trail and a workshop on the local native flora. A gourmet picnic lunch will be provided.

For more information or to make a booking, contact the Acting Volunteer Program Coordinator Lisa Blake by phoning 8550 3400 or 0429 475 968, or emailing [lisa.blake@sa.gov.au](mailto:lisa.blake@sa.gov.au)

### Have you seen echidna scats in Aldinga Scrub?

A new app developed for citizen scientists will allow you to record your sightings on a database recently developed by students at the University of Adelaide.

The Echidna Conservation Science Initiative researchers have developed a dedicated mobile phone app for instant upload of photos and location, and input of details of the immediate environment and the state, size and activity of the echidna.

The researchers would like people to use the app to log the scats, then bag and post them to the University research team for molecular analysis.



If you have any sightings, you are encouraged to log on to the app (available on the App Store or Google Play) and upload your photos!

### More photos from our birthday celebration!

On the next page, you will see just a few of the photos taken at our birthday celebration on 20 August.

To view the full gallery, visit our website at [www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au](http://www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au) and click on the Photos tab.

Don't forget that our photo gallery is updated regularly with pictures of flora and fauna in the Park, as well as photos of our various activities, so visit us often!

### Committee news

- On Sunday 27 August, FoAS led a group of some 50 people from the Willunga Environment Centre on a walk along the Coral Lichen Circuit. The visitors were very impressed with the work that has been done in this section of the Park and commended our group on the rehabilitation of this area of high biodiversity value.
- We have been advised that the Mt Lofty Ranges Declining Woodland Bird Long-term Monitoring Program will again be undertaken in ASCP from September to December. These surveys, which have been carried out for over 10 years, have provided a snapshot of resident or visiting birds. Please contact Helen if you would like a copy of the sightings recorded during previous surveys.

### Park news

- Our working bee crews recently have been attacking the persistent outbreaks of evening primrose and onion weed.
- Freesias need to be removed at this time of the year, but are difficult to hand-weed. We will be engaging a contractor to spray these garden escapees.
- Soursobs are spreading into areas where veldt grass has been removed around the Coral Lichen Circuit. Kieran, our NRM contractor who is working in this area, will focus on removing this invasive species.

### Working Bees

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the summer 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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### 30 years

Kevin Hutton  
 Jorgen Jensen  
 Lise Jensen  
 Helen McSkimming  
 Bob Moore  
 David Munzberg  
 Jan Munzberg

### Our 30th birthday celebrations!

Congratulations to all Friends who were presented with certificates and badges to acknowledge their long term support of Friends of Aldinga Scrub.

We were delighted that so many Friends, old and new, were able to join us.

Many thanks to our invited guests (especially our speaker Dene Cordes), DENWR staff and our very supportive Rangers for helping us to celebrate this special day!

### 25 years

Graham Byass  
 Linda Byass  
 Des Lovelock  
 Meredith Lovelock  
 David Nash  
 Trina Nash  
 Guy Saunders  
 Giles Walkley  
 Alvin Williams



### 20 years

Rex Hoepner  
 Beverly Hoepner  
 Joy Forrest  
 Nathan Moore  
 Palitja Moore

### 10 years

John Ackers  
 Fran Ackers  
 Karen Anderson  
 Emmanuelle Bekkers  
 Alice Bekkers  
 Felix Bekkers  
 Toby Bekkers  
 Julie Burgher  
 Chris Bushell  
 Avati Blyth  
 Heather Carrangis  
 Fred Carrangis  
 Tom Carrangis  
 Thomas Cullum  
 Belinda Cullum  
 David Cullum  
 Michael Cullum  
 Peter Dossett  
 Jo Dossett  
 John Durkin  
 Judith Durkin  
 Samuel Eagle  
 Gwen Eagle  
 Jeff Eagle  
 John Edmeades

Matt Forrest  
 Rebecca Forrest  
 Robert Golding  
 Robin Green  
 Anne Haratzis  
 Neville Hudson  
 June Hudson  
 Gina Kellett  
 Peter Laffan  
 Andrea Malone  
 Julie Marcus  
 Dot Marshall  
 Geoff Marshall  
 Chas Martin  
 Helen Messent  
 Ann Michelmore  
 Deb Nichol  
 Jan Nicholls  
 Imelda Rivers  
 Pam Rowney  
 Ben Rowney  
 Bill Rowland  
 Peter Stubbs  
 Bernard Thomson  
 Nancy Weisbrodt

