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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 12 April Marine life of Aldinga Bay

This presentation will be jointly delivered by two of our very knowledgeable members, who will talk about the variety of organisms which can be found along our local coastline

Neville Hudson will give a historic account of marine life on the Aldinga Reef, while Thelma Bridle will share her extensive knowledge of the wide diversity of marine life which inhabits Aldinga Bay today.

Thursday 10 May The secret life of Superb Fairy-wrens

Petra Hanke will speak about a favourite local bird, the Superb Fairy-wren. Petra is a PhD student at Flinders University. In her illustrated talk, Petra will give an overview of the species, and then discuss the results of recent studies by the Flinders Bird-Lab, and her own project.

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

All welcome!



2018 Fungal Forays with Thelma

Did you miss out on our fascinating trip to Deep Creek last year? Thelma has kindly invited us to join her in two more fungal forays where you will have an opportunity to learn about some of the species of fungi found on the Fleurieu Peninsula and the habitats in which they live.

Springmount Conservation Park.

Saturday 26 May

Meet at the Park entrance at 10am. Bring lunch.

The track is wide and flat. To get to Springmount CP, shortly before Myponga take Pages Flat Rd to Willunga and after 1km turn right onto Hindmarsh Tiers Rd. Drive 7km then turn right onto Springmount Rd. At the top of the hill turn left and the Park entrance is about 500m on the right

Kuitpo Forest

Sunday 24 June

Meet at Forest Information Centre on Brookman Rd at 10am. Bring lunch.

For more information and to help us know how many people to expect, please email Thelma at t.p.bridle@bigpond.com or phone on 0422 313 604.

Membership subscriptions for 2018/2019 now due!

Family \$15.00
Individual \$10.00
Concession \$8.00

*See attached renewal
notice for payment details*

Committee for 2018/2019 elected at Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on 8 March at the Aldinga Library. The meeting was attended by 15 Friends and visitors. Following the reports presented by our President and Treasurer, elections were held for positions on the committee. The committee for the forthcoming year will be

President:	Michael Lawton	Committee members:	Joy Forrest	John Edmeades
Secretary:	Helen McSkimming		Julie Burgher	Aidan Bradford
Treasurer:	Neville Hudson			

We thank our Rangers Coral and Rachel for attending the AGM and providing updates about their roles and the projects they are managing.

Committee news

- We have supported a funding application to the Office for Recreation and Sport which will assist with the establishment of the Willunga Basin Walking Trail. A section of the proposed trail will pass through ASCP.
- Our President Michael will represent FoAS at the forthcoming Friends of Parks Inc AGM to be held at Morialta CP on Monday 30 April.
- We have applied for a grant from the City of Onkaparinga to fund a weekend course in 'Photographing Wildlife' in November this year.

News from the Park

- Our first working bees for 2018 have been very well attended, with several new members joining the crew.
- Weekly surveillance of the noxious Khaki weed is continuing. This declared pest plant has been found in a number of locations throughout the Willunga Basin, including an outbreak in our neighbouring vineyard on the eastern boundary.
- Also sighted in this section of the Park has been caltrop, another declared herbaceous plant, along with onion weed, evening primrose, olives and figs.
- In addition to the ongoing weed patrol on the eastern boundary, the working bee crews are continuing to monitor vegetation in the higher priority Vegetation Management Units.
- Working bee members will be meeting shortly with our NRM officers to ensure that our work complements the projects assigned for the 3-year plan.

Recycling Update from Willunga Environment Centre

Did you know that the Willunga Environment Centre has recently become an outlet for Electronic Recycling Australia? In just 5 months, more than 1148 kg of e-waste has been diverted from landfill, and the scheme has provided ongoing employment for people with a disability.



A large unplug 'n drop container is located in the foyer of the Environment Centre. Items suitable for recycling include

- Electric appliances up to but not including washing machines
- Electronic goods—PC's, keyboards etc

The WEC now provides a fantastic service to help you recycle all sorts of goods. Visit their website at willungaenviro.org.au to see the full range of materials which can be accepted.



In December 2017, Ranger Steve and our working bee crew featured in an episode of the children's environmental program *Totally Wild*, broadcast by Channel 10.

You can now view the segment on our website. Just click on the logo under the Activities tab on the Friends website (or click [here](#) if you are reading a digital edition of your newsletter).

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

