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Coming meetings

Thursday 9 August Those wild rabbits

Bruce Munday will be our speaker at the August meeting. Bruce has written a book about the immense damage rabbits have inflicted on Australia's environment, agriculture and social cohesion and examines our mostly futile attempts to control them.

Bruce is an entertaining storyteller with a PhD in Physics and experience as a consultant in agriculture and natural resource management. He's also written a book on dry stone walling, and will have copies of both books for sale on Thursday night.

Thursday 13 September Tales from Borneo

Aidan Bradford, Friend of Aldinga Scrub, traveller and skilled photographer, will show pictures from his recent trip to Sabah in Borneo. Aidan will speak about the Sandakan Memorial Park and the brutal death marches experienced by Allied soldiers prisoners in World War 2. Aidan's photos of wildlife will show much of the flora and fauna of the island, from pygmy elephants to butterflies.

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

All welcome!



Snapshots of just a few of our planters on Sunday 1 July—thanks to everyone who came along and helped to get some 500 seedlings planted and watered in before lunch. What a great effort!

Vale Darrell Kraehenbuehl

We were very saddened to learn of the recent death of our patron Darrell.

Along with other conservationists in the 1960s and 1970s, Darrell fought hard for the establishment of Aldinga Scrub as a conservation area. Darrell's family had a shack at Port Willunga and he spent many hours as a young man becoming familiar with the flora and fauna of Aldinga Scrub. He went on to become a highly regarded botanist within the state's environment department.

Darrell's records of the plants in Aldinga Scrub are documented in our booklet 'The Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park' which forms the foundation of our knowledge of the indigenous and introduced plants to this day.

Darrell was very supportive of the Friends group in its early days and generously gave his time and expertise in assisting us to become familiar with our unique and precious plants.

Our thoughts are with Darrell's family at this time.

News from the Park

- Working bee teams have been very busy planting in the dunes, in the DF enclosure on the eastern boundary and in the Paxton Patch towards the south.
- Following a productive meeting with coastal NRM officers, steps are now being taken towards the revegetation of the Washpool. We will be represented on a working party which is being formed to provide input on the species and locations of the plants to be used in the project.
- Sadly our Park has experienced significant vandalism recently. A short time ago, SAPOL were alerted to a 'party' taking place in the Scrub and were able to apprehend those involved. A burnt out car which was found in the eastern section of the Park will need to be taken out by a tow-truck. The associated debris will need to be carefully collected and removed.

Committee news

- Once again, we have been invited to submit an entry in the Willunga Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival. The theme this year is 'Going Green' which should give our creative team plenty of scope to produce a very attractive tree.
- We have been invited to attend a consultation meeting to be held on 14 August where we will be asked for our suggestions in regard to the restructure of the NRM / Department of Environment. The NRM Act is to be replaced with a new Act, Landscapes SA.
- We were successful in obtaining a grant from the City of Onkaparinga to run a nature photography course in November. Full details will be available in the October newsletter.

Help for Endangered species in ASCP!



Photo by Julie

Among the seedlings being planted this year were *Dampiera lanceolata* var. *intermedia* — Aldinga Dampiera. This plant is only found in the coastal bushland and the sandy coastal cliffs at Aldinga. Its conservation status in South Australia and regionally is Endangered.

Surveys conducted 10 years ago have indicated that there may only be some 500 plants in existence so we wish our new seedlings every success!

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.