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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 14 February Phytophthora trials on Kangaroo Island

Lara Tilbrook will be our first speaker for the year.

Lara is a member of the West Kangaroo Island Landcare Group which received Caring for Country grants several years ago to carry out treatment trials on this destructive fungus. Lara will tell us about her research experiences and results.

Thursday 14 March Annual General Meeting

At this important meeting, we review the past year and elect officers for the forthcoming year. After the formal proceedings, we will have the chance to chat over a light supper.

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 Willunga Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival

Once again, we were very well represented at the annual Festival by our artistic team who produced this inspirational tree. From its roots to the star on top, our colourful tree reflected the theme 'Going Green' while promoting our group to the wider community.

Our thanks to Joyce, June and Julie!

Well-deserved recognition for a committed environmental volunteer!

Congratulations to John Edmeades, our tireless committee member and working-bee leader, who was presented with an award at Amanda Rishworth's Annual Southern Suburbs Volunteer Awards on 25 November last year.



Citation submitted by President Michael Lawton in support of John's nomination

John has devoted most of his adult life to the maintenance and improvement of the biodiversity of the local (public domain) Conservation Parks and Reserves.

He does this in the most 'hand-on' fashion by the coordination and leadership of other volunteers in strategic, structured work programs to control weed infestations and to restore plant biodiversity in our Parks.

John has leveraged his considerable environmental expertise in the most selfless fashion to achieve this end and in the process has advanced public understanding and appreciation of these vital community natural resource assets.

☉ In the photo above, John is presenting Amanda with one of his unique caricatures. You can see more of John's artwork in the 'General Meetings' album under 'Photos' on our website at www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FRIENDS AND VISITORS ATTENDING OUR GENERAL MEETINGS IN ALDINGA LIBRARY

As the Aldinga Library now closes at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights, we will no longer be able to access the building through the main doors when we arrive for our meetings at 7:30 pm.

To enter, you will need to come to the side (eastern) door, which is where we usually leave from. If you arrive and you don't see anyone at the door, look for the buzzer (like the one pictured) which will be placed beside the door.

We will still need to use the swipe card before the door is opened, so please bear with us while we get used to this arrangement!



News from the Park

- Work has continued throughout the summer months, although a few scheduled working bees have been cancelled due to hot weather.
- The crew has collected bridal creeper berries to help prevent spread of this invasive weed.
- Scabiosa, slender thistle and onion weed have been removed from the Boomerang Track.
- Some good news — no fresh outbreaks of Khaki weed have been found this summer.
- New plantings in the dunes have been watered.
- Seed has been collected in preparation for the next season of propagation; species include Acacia, Eutaxia, Daisy, Callitris, Yacca and Pimelea.
- The crew has monitored fuel reduction works carried out by NPWS in the dunes on the western boundary.

Committee news

- An Open Day is to be held on Sunday 5 May to raise awareness about the Washpool Revegetation Plan. Activities will include speakers and guided walks.
- With the assistance of an NRM grant, we have produced an attractive and informative brochure about the Aldinga Washpool Lagoon which will be distributed at the Open Day. You can see a digital version of the brochure at www.aldingawashpool.net

Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the summer and 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.

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