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NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Coming meetings

Thursday 11 April Visiting Gluepot

Two members of our group, Jean Tucker and Julie Burgher, will speak at the April meeting.

Jean and Julie will be giving a brief overview and history of the Birds Australia Reserve. They will tell us about the courses offered and their experiences on their recent visits there.

Thursday 9 May Onkaparinga coastal cliff erosion and monitoring

Salvador Jurado will address our May meeting. Sal will talk about cliff erosion processes, techniques and technology used to monitor cliffs, how monitoring data is used and emerging erosion issues. Sal will outline council's approach to managing coastal erosion.

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

All welcome!

Washpool / Blue Lagoon Open Day

Sunday 5 May
10 am — 2 pm
Button Road, Sellicks Beach

Explore one of the last remaining examples of a natural coastal lagoon along the Adelaide coastline

Discover why the Washpool is of ecological and cultural importance.

Join a tour with an environmental or cultural expert.

Search for migratory birds through binoculars and telescopes.

Meet members of the Kurna community.

Chat with locals who have been caring for the site for many years.



Pied stilt (photo by Julie Burgher)

- Activities for all ages.
- Refreshments and lunch provided.
- Bring comfortable walking shoes.

For more information contact Rachel Godoy on 0488 952 026 or Rachel.godoy@sa.gov.au

Register by Wednesday 1 May:

washpoolopenday.eventbrite.com.au

or contact Helen on 8556 3166.



Membership subscriptions for 2019/2020 now due!

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

Your payment options are attached to this newsletter.

Committee for 2019/2020 elected at Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on 14 March, 2019 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
Secretary:	Helen McSkimming		John Edmeades
Treasurer:	Neville Hudson		Julie Burgher
			Aidan Bradford

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

Vale Tim Fuhlbohm

Friends of Aldinga Scrub were very saddened to learn of the untimely death of Tim who was one of our first rangers back in the early 1990s, and more recently helped us with monitoring and revegetation on the eastern boundary following a prescribed burn.

Tim's understanding of indigenous flora and fauna was remarkable, and he was extremely generous in sharing his knowledge with us. We have always been very grateful for Tim's support and direction, and he will be sadly missed.

2019 Fungal Foray
Sun 21 July

Deep Creek Conservation Park
Meet at 10 am at Delamere store

Thelma has kindly invited us to join her for another intriguing fungal foray. More details will be provided in the June newsletter but mark the date in your diary now!



Cortinarius archeri

Source: Dashorst and Jessop,
*Plants of the Adelaide Plains
and Hills*

News from the Park

- Continuing hot weather has restricted some of the working bee activities.
- As a result of our efforts over many years, the number of olive trees has been significantly reduced throughout the Park. However the working bee crew has recently seen olives shooting in various locations and prompt attention will be required.
- Vandalism continues to be a problem. The working bee crew has cleared the remains of a burnt out vehicle found inside the Park, removing scraps of plastic, metal and rubber.
- Cubbies are also an ongoing issue, and crews have dismantled several recently.
- Thanks to our Ranger Coral for getting the unsightly water tank on the southern boundary removed.
- Rachel, our NRM Volunteer Support Officer, has produced signage to be erected on fences around the Park which will let the public know that Friends of Aldinga Scrub are working in this area. We are hopeful that the signs will lead to enquiries about the Park and perhaps some new members.

Committee news

- We are pleased to report that we have been successful in securing an NRM grant to allow us to engage our contractor Tony Peterson to continue his work attacking woody weeds and bridal creeper. Also funded through this grant, we will be conducting a guided walk for the public in the spring and distributing an updated information pack to households adjoining the Park.
- Neville and Julie recently supported a Citizen Science initiative in Aldinga Scrub where a group of experts and community members were introduced to the new smartphone app 'iNaturalist'. You can download this app check out the observations which have already been recorded in Aldinga Scrub.

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

