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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 13 June
Those dry-stone walls
Bruce Munday

In his talk, Bruce will use dry-stone walls as a framework for understanding aspects of early settlement in South Australia, and will highlight the challenge of conserving important elements of our heritage.

Bruce is the author of *Those dry-stone walls — stories from South Australia's stone age*. He will have signed copies of his book for sale at the meeting.

Thursday 11 July
Butterflies of SA
Mike Moore

Mike is the President of Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. which was formed in 1998 to promote conservation of butterflies and their habitat.

Mike will tell us how to identify the species of butterflies you might see locally, and how to encourage them into your garden.

Our meetings are held in the St Ann's Church Hall, Aldinga at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month (February to November).

All welcome!

Do you enjoy planting seedlings?

Here are three great opportunities for you help out in our region over the coming months!



Stipiturus Conservation Park

Sunday 23 June from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Beare Lane, Mt Compass

Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park

Sunday 7 July from 10:00 am
Meet at Gate 3, Cox Road
(opposite Aldinga Beach Holiday Village)

Aldinga Washpool Lagoon

Sunday 28 July from 10:00 am
Meet at western end of Button Road

For more information about any of these planting days, please contact Helen on 8556 3166.

Important news!

From this month, we will be holding our general meetings at the St Ann's Church Hall just off Main South Road at Aldinga. Please see back page for full details.



Visit to L50K
corner of Pethick and Branson Roads, McLaren Vale
Sunday 23 June at 10:00 am

Gavin Malone, visual artist and cultural geographer, has kindly invited us to visit his property Lot 50-Kanyanyapilla.

Lot 50-K is a private, bi-cultural, ecological and cultural regeneration project near McLaren Vale. A reed swamp is being rejuvenated and a grassy woodland re-established at a place that is an ancient Kurna campground.

All Friends are invited to join a tour of this inspiring property and stay on for a BYO picnic lunch at one off the lovely sites overlooking the property.

For more information, please contact Michael on 0401 118 383.

2019 Fungal Foray
Sun 21 July
Deep Creek CP
Meet at 10 am at Delamere store



Cortinarius archeri

Source: Dashorst and Jessop,
Plants of the Adelaide Plains

Once again, Friends are invited to join Thelma on an intriguing fungal foray.

Carpooling will be arranged at our July meeting, or call Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like a ride. Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic in the park after the walk.

Committee news

- We have secured Volunteer Support Grant through DEW to purchase 4 dual lens cameras which will support our monitoring program in Aldinga Scrub, and allow us to contribute to the wider monitoring programs occurring across the Willunga Basin.
- Joy and Helen represented Friends of Aldinga Scrub at the recent AGM of Friends of Parks Inc.
- The committee has made a donation of \$100 on behalf of FoAS to support the Friends' groups on Kangaroo Island who are campaigning strongly against proposed developments in pristine areas of Flinders Chase Conservation Park.
- The Washpool Open Day held on 5 May was extremely successful, attracting some 100 people to the site. Our group was well represented, with Friends providing information and resources to the visitors.

News from the Park

- From time to time, working bee crews encounter remnants of asbestos in the Park. Following discussion with our ranger Coral, we have been given approval to continue using the safe disposal method we have been employing when asbestos has been found in the Park.
- Our thanks to NRM for providing the fence signs which have now been erected, promoting our group at several key entry points around the park.
- Our celebrated working bee crew have featured in an article in the latest edition of the council newsletter 'Onkaparinga Now'. You'll find a link to the article on our website, under the Activities tab.
- For some years, Neville has been monitoring the lacy coral lichen in the enclosure and his findings indicate that the coverage is not declining although there is evidence that kangaroos are breaching the fence. Boughs have now been placed strategically around the perimeter to discourage kangaroos from entering the enclosure and we will continue to monitor the site.
- Working bee crews have been hard at work removing scrap metal found in many locations throughout the Park.

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.

Visit our website at www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au



New venue for Friends of Aldinga Scrub general meetings



St Ann's Anglican Church Hall, Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga



Starting from our next meeting on 13 June, we are looking forward to meeting in this peaceful and relaxed venue!

For those coming from the south, rather than turning across oncoming traffic into Stonehouse Lane, you may find it easier to use the roundabout, coming through Aldinga township or making a 180° turn around the roundabout.

Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like any further information about the new venue.