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NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Coming meetings

Thursday 8 August

"Priority Threatened Flora of the Mount Lofty Ranges"

Jerry Smith

As a student undertaking vegetation surveys in the mid-north, Jerry discovered 28 new populations of nationally listed species. Until recently, he worked as a consultant and contractor protecting threatened plant populations. Jerry is now the Threatened Flora Ecologist for the AMLR NRM and he will talk about his current projects.

Thursday 12 September

"The past and future of Glenthorne Farm"

Alan Burns

Alan is a long-time member of the Friends of Glenthorne Farm. The Friends aim to return the land to its natural state using local native plants, but they also are working towards the restoration of the cultural and built heritage of Glenthorne Farm. Alan will tell us about the history of Glenthorne Farm and its future as a soon-to-be declared National Park.

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!

Propagating local native plants for your patch

Sellicks Community Hall
Riviera Road
Sellicks Beach

Sunday 1 September

Meet at 9:45 am for a 10:00 am start,
finishing at 3:00 pm



Would you like to learn how to propagate local plant species for your home garden or your local environmental site?

You are invited to attend this one-day hands-on workshop where a team of growing experts will explain and demonstrate a variety of propagating techniques including growing from cuttings and seed.

There is no cost to attend the workshop. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available but you will need to bring your own lunch.

This workshop is open to anyone in the community, you can invite your friends to come along too!

Bookings are essential. Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 or at helenmcs@ozemail.com.au to make your booking or to find out more about the workshop.





Our friendly Friend, Joy, showing the recently updated Special Newsletter to members of the local community at the Almond Blossom Festival.



Many thanks to our cheerful band of planters who put in over 500 seedlings, including many grasses, at the DF enclosure on the eastern boundary on 7 July.

iNaturalist is a citizen science project and online social network of naturalists, citizen scientists, and biologists built on the concept of mapping and sharing observations of biodiversity across the globe. iNaturalist may be accessed via the website or from its mobile applications.



You can easily access the app on your smartphone, check out the observations which have already been recorded in Aldinga Scrub and add your own!

Committee news

- Funded by a grant from the NRM, we have been able to update and reprint 500 copies of our special newsletter which will be handed out to members of the community at events such as the Almond Blossom Festival. The special newsletter, along with other helpful brochures, will soon be distributed to residents in the new developments neighbouring Aldinga Scrub.
- In the coming weeks, we will be leading a group of Aldinga Joey Scouts and their parents on a Sunday morning walk in Aldinga Scrub.
- FoAS has supported a call for the reduction of speed limits on Norman Road. Kangaroos are regularly being killed as they attempt to cross between the Scrub and the Washpool precinct. The current speed limit of 80 kph makes it difficult to see kangaroos in the dark, or at dusk or dawn. We are disappointed that council has initially refused this request, but more action on this issue is proposed.

News from the Park

- We recently surveyed Site 3 of our Bushland Condition Monitoring program. This year, we were delighted to have the assistance of 2 young members of the YACCA group. YACCA (Youth And Community in Conservation Action) is an environmental youth group based in Willunga, that teaches young people about environmental projects and issues in their local community.
- Our contractor Tony Paterson from Better Bushland has completed his 2019 projects treating bridal creeper and woody weeds throughout the Park. Tony has provided us with maps showing the waypoints throughout the Park where he has worked on these weed species, and a record of the techniques he has used. We were pleased that an NRM Action Grant was provided to fund Tony's work again this year.
- A very successful planting day was held on Sunday 7 July, with 13 people coming out to help put some 520 seedlings in the ground. This year's plantings continued in the DF Enclosure near the eastern boundary, and additional plantings have now been undertaken in the Paxton Patch and along the western dunes. All the seedlings were watered in on the day and have since received some follow-up rains, so we are optimistic that we'll have a good success rate this year.

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

