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Photo: Julie Burgher

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ALDINGA SCRUB CONSERVATION PARK

Julie captured this beautiful panoramic photo of Aldinga Scrub during a scenic flight she took in December 2019.

If you visit the photo gallery on our website, you will see more outstanding images of Aldinga Scrub. The gallery is constantly updated with photos of flora and fauna of Aldinga Scrub, as well as photos of the Friends and our activities. All Friends are invited to submit their photos, we would love to add yours to our site.

Coming meetings

Thursday 13 February

News from Kangaroo Island

Ingereth Macfarlane and Peter Martin will update us on the devastating fires on Kangaroo Island and the importance of their privately owned land, which thankfully was not burnt, in the long-term rehabilitation of flora and fauna.

Thursday 12 March

2020 Annual General Meeting

At this important meeting, we will receive reports about last year's activities and elect the committee for the coming year.

Following the meeting, we will have a chance to chat with Friends and enjoy a light supper.

Thursday 9 April

Travelling National Parks NSW

Julie Burgher, Friend of Aldinga Scrub, will show photographs from a road trip she took to northern New South Wales in 2019.

During her talk, Julie will showcase the flora, fauna and landscape of the National Parks she visited.

Our meetings are held in the St Ann's Church Hall, Aldinga at 7:30 on the second Thursday of each month.
All welcome!

Please note: The next newsletter will be distributed in late April

Projects roundup for 2020

- Through a Volunteer Support Grant from Friends of Parks Inc, we have purchased 2 cameras with invisible infrared flash which will be set up in the Scrub to monitor small mammals. This project will complement other monitoring projects in the Willunga Basin being undertaken in 2020.
- Data which has been collected over many years during our Bushland Condition Monitoring program will be uploaded to the statewide database managed by the Nature Conservation Society of SA. This project is also being funded through a Volunteer Support Grant.
- Our bushland contractor will continue treating bridal creeper and woody weeds, funded through a Community Environment Grant provided by the Commonwealth government.
- With a grant from the Colin Malcom Scholarship fund, we will be partnering with Aldinga Beach School to provide opportunities for their Indigenous students to work with us and learn more about Aldinga Scrub.

First sighting of *Battarrea stevenii* in Aldinga Scrub



Battarrea stevenii was recently sighted on the western dunes of Aldinga Scrub. It is found in dry, semi-arid and desert regions throughout Australia but previously had not been recorded in Aldinga Scrub. Visit our website gallery for more photos of this fascinating fungus.



Subscriptions for 2020:

Family	\$15.00
Single	\$10.00
Concession	\$8.00

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News from the Park

- Crews have been busy throughout the summer pulling weeds including thistles and stinkweed, and removing rubbish.
- On the western dunes, recent plantings were watered and weeded, and rubbish removed.
- The locations of woody weeds have been logged with our GPS unit for future removal by our contractor.

Committee news

- We have applied for an NRM Action grant to support the planting of habitat to encourage native bees to Aldinga Scrub. If successful, the grant will cover the purchase of plants, installation of enclosure fencing and the installation of interpretive signage.
- We have also applied for a grant through the Commonwealth Volunteers Program to allow us to reimburse our Works Coordinator John for some of the considerable costs he incurs in running his truck which is essential to the success of our on-ground work.

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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