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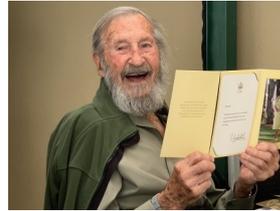
NEWSLETTER

April 2020

All Friends activities on hold

We regret to advise that COVID-19 restrictions which were put in place during March have meant that we are unable to continue with our usual schedule of general and committee meetings, working bees and field trips. As our General Meeting which was to have been held on 9 April did not go ahead, we will be pleased to hear Julie Burgher speak on her topic 'Travelling National Parks NSW' once we are able to resume our regular activities.

We will very much look forward to meeting up with everyone again soon, and in the meantime, we hope that all Friends keep safe and well.



Congratulations to Bob Moore!

Bob, who is an inaugural member of Friends of Aldinga Scrub and a past President, celebrated his 100th birthday in February. At a gathering of family and friends, Bob was presented with this congratulatory message from the Queen. We are delighted that Bob continues to assist with our propagation program, especially on tube filling day.

Our cheers and best wishes to Bob on this remarkable milestone!

AGM report

We were fortunate that our AGM was held on 12 March, just before the COVID-19 restrictions came into place.

Once again, we had a full and interesting agenda, with reports from our President Michael Lawton and our Treasurer Neville Hudson. We were very pleased that Jasmin Oster, NPWS Ranger, and Sam Buxton Stewart, NRM Volunteer Support Officer, attended the meeting to introduce themselves as new officers based at the Willunga NRM office, and to provide us with updates from their respective agencies.

We greatly appreciated the presence of Rebekha Sharkie MP, Federal member for the seat of Mayo which now incorporates Aldinga Beach, at our AGM. Rebekha spoke to us about some of the issues she has been addressing, including the Washpool precinct and climate change legislation.

Jasmin took the chair for the election of officers. The committee for the coming year will be

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Committee members: John Edmeades
Julie Burgher
Aidan Bradford

In his report, Michael noted that Joy Forrest has decided not to continue on the committee this year and he thanked Joy for the tremendous support she has given to our group as a member for 25 years, including significant contributions as a committee member for 10 years.

Environmental news bulletins

In the past, we were forwarding newsletters and information from other organisations (eg NRM, Environment SA, Friends of Parks, Conservation Council) to people who nominated to be on our e-list. However, due to technical issues, we have not been doing this for some months. We would now like to reinstate these occasional mailouts, which will be compilations of newsletters and reports from other groups, to any Friends who would like to receive them.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, please send a message to Helen at helenmcs@ozemail.com.au. Of course, if you register but at some time no longer wish to receive the bulletins, you can always unsubscribe.

Friends working to help the environment



Neville and Jean preparing to capture fauna in Aldinga Scrub on our new sensor cameras

Thanks to a grant from the Volunteer Support Unit, we have recently purchased 2 Browning sensor cameras which are able to record movements both during the day and at night. With the help of several Friends, Neville has now placed the cameras at over 40 sites and captured a range of fauna, including echidnas, foxes, birds, cats and rats. The cameras are left at each location for 3 nights, after which Neville downloads and records the data taken from the cameras in a very comprehensive set of notes.

It is intended that many of the images and videos will be uploaded to our website gallery, so keep watching for fresh updates.



Andy, Friend of Aldinga Scrub and butterfly conservationist, has also been busy

Twenty years of effort to reinstate the Yellowish Sedge Skipper butterfly in Adelaide has paid off as hundreds of the rare insects are released at specially planted sites. The hand-reared butterflies are being released at The Washpool and in the Salisbury wetlands.

Andy has the important job of watching over more than 100 precious skippers as they progress through their life cycle. Caterpillars and pupae are collected from healthy populations the Yorke and Eyre peninsulas and monitored to adulthood when ready for release.

(Extract from Sedge Snippet, April 2020)

You can still be involved too!

With so many other restrictions to our regular activities, this is a great opportunity to spend more time in Aldinga Scrub. You may enjoy walks in the beautiful autumn air; take your binoculars for some birdwatching, or pack your camera to photograph the flora and fauna.

While you're in the Scrub, you might like to lend a hand to the working bee crew by identifying any woody weeds you come across (eg rhamnus, bridal creeper or olives). You could mark the locations with your phone and send them to a committee member, and also tie a piece of pink tape on or near the weed which will help us to find the spot later. If you would like to assist in this way, just contact one of the committee members who will be able to give you a length of pink tape.

Many thanks to all the Friends who have renewed their membership for the coming year. If you haven't done so yet, payment options are below.

Memberships for 2020/21

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

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