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NEWSLETTER

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After a 3 month recess, we look forward to seeing you when we resume our general meetings in July!

## Coming meetings

**Thursday 9 July**  
**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 pm on the second Thursday of each month (February to November).

**All welcome!**

## Community Planting Day

**Tuesday 14 July**  
**from 9:30 am**

Meet at Gate 3  
(opposite Aldinga Beach Holiday Village)

We have a large number of seedlings (mostly grasses) to be planted in the DF enclosure and your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have one, please bring a trowel. You may wish to bring gloves as well.

For more information about the planting day, please call Julie on 0418 459 450.



## New trail markers in Aldinga Scrub!



If you have been walking in the Park over the past few weeks, you may have noticed some fresh new signage.

The numbered posts along the Coral Lichen Loop have been enhanced by the installation of QR plates which links to the brochure located on our website. From the brochure, visitors can learn about the vegetation they are seeing along the walk.

Another new addition is the installation of pine posts which display directional markers for two new loops, Boomerang Loop and Wattle Loop. Maps for these trails will be produced by the Department for Environment and Water later this year.



Thanks to our Ranger Jasmin for organising these innovative projects which will help to guide and inform visitors to our Park.

## Update on our projects for 2020

We have been continuing to work on a number of projects during the COVID-19 restrictions. Although some of our activities have been in recess, you can see that many of our Friends and contractors have been busy working on a wide range of projects!

### Community information packages

We are collating 200 information packages which will be distributed to households neighbouring Aldinga Scrub in the next few weeks. The packages contain advice about plants which are suitable for local gardens, as well as information about our Friends group and the work we do.



### Monitoring cameras

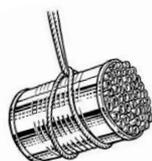
Our 3 infrared monitoring cameras are being repositioned at different sites throughout in the Park each week. At each site, Neville is recording extensive data about the local and introduced fauna captured on the cameras, as well as the vegetation found nearby. The monitoring program is being carried out in consultation with our District Ecologist, Elisa Sparrow.

### Bushland condition monitoring data

We have been working with the Nature Conservation Society of SA to commence uploading data which has been collected over some 10 years. The data entry will be completed by the end of this year and we hope that it will eventually be available on the NCSSA website.

### Treatment of bridal creeper and woody weeds

Our new contractors, Fleurieu Eco Solutions, have commenced their work in the Park recently. They have been treating bridal creeper and woody weeds in areas of highest biodiversity value. This work should be completed by the end of winter.



### Providing native bee habitat

Planning has commenced for this major project which will provide habitat for native bees in Aldinga Scrub. The project will involve fencing 3 exclosures which will be planted with bee-friendly plants, as well as installing interpretive signage. This year, we will be collecting seed and propagating suitable species to be planted out next year.

### News from the Park

- Since the resumption of working bees, our crews have been busy planting. With some 1500 seedlings to get into the ground, we have allocated time during regular working bees to get started. A large number have already been planted in the dunes above the Lower Esplanade, with more to be planted in the Paxton Patch and the DF exclosure.
- FoAS working bee crews have been helping out with the assembly of tree guards and planting in the Washpool over recent weeks.



### Committee news

- Work plans for 2020 were finalised at a meeting with our NPWS Ranger Jasmin and NRM Support Officer Sam which was held in March. Despite the restrictions, work by our contractors and our working bee crews is on track.
- We have been pleased to nominate 3 members of our working bee crew to attend a Bushcare Workshop to be held at Willunga in August. The workshop is being conducted by Trees For Life and our members are being kindly sponsored by Friends of Parks Inc.

### 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.