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April 2021

Coming meetings

Thursday 8 April

"Hooded Plovers in the Onkaparinga Region"
Sue and Ash Read

Sue and Ash will give a brief overview of the Hooded Plovers and their lifestyle, before describing the threats they face on our local beaches and how they are being protected by local volunteers working under Birdlife Australia's Beach Nesting Birds program which has now been going locally for 12 years. As well as protecting the birds, an important part of the program has been the banding of some of the nesting pairs. We will discuss what we have learned about the biology and social behaviour of the Hooded Plovers from this banding.

Thursday 13 May

"Bushland Condition Monitoring in Aldinga Scrub"
Ali Ben Kahn, NCSSA

For some 20 years, we have been monitoring the health of the vegetation in ASCP at 3 sites in the Park. We recently received a grant to have the data uploaded onto a website managed by the Nature Conservation Society of SA. Project officer Ali will speak to us about the BCM program and update us about the results from our monitoring.

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!

NPWS celebrate Fleurieu Peninsula Parks as the Park of the Month !



Each month, NPWS promotes a Park or group of Parks as a great way to gain a deeper understanding of our special natural places and to find new ways to enjoy them.

This month, NPWS are inviting members of the community to visit Aldinga Scrub for a guided walk along the Coral Lichen Loop.

Wednesday 14 April

10:00 am

Meet at Dover Street carpark

Friends are welcome to join us in sharing information about the amazing flora and fauna in our unique Park with the participants.



NPWS are offering a wide range of interesting activities and events throughout the Fleurieu during April. If you would like to learn more about other parks in our region, check out the program at

www.parks.sa.gov.au/get-inspired/park-of-the-month

For more information, contact Helen on 0434 768 306.

Report from our 2021 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday 11 March at the St Ann's Church Hall at Aldinga, with Peter Laffan chairing the meeting. President Michael Lawton presented a comprehensive overview of speakers and activities during the previous year, while Treasurer Neville Hudson provided us with a detailed report of the 2020 financial year, along with a spreadsheet showing trends in income and expenditure in our accounts since 2007.

We were pleased that our Ranger Jasmin Oster was present to give us an update of the issues involving NPWS.

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

President: Michael Lawton
Secretary: Helen McSkimming
Treasurer: Jackie Taylor

Committee members: John Edmeades
Julie Burgher
Aidan Bradford
Nigel Charman

In his report, Michael noted that Neville has decided not to continue on the committee or in the role of Treasurer. Neville joined the committee in 2005 and became our Treasurer in 2009. Peter Laffan moved a motion to thank Neville for his invaluable contribution to the committee over some 16 years.

We thank Jackie and Nigel for accepting nominations and welcome them to the committee.

News from the Park

- Crews have been removing old fencing materials and other scrap metal from various sites throughout the Park.
- Last year's plantings in the frontal dunes have recently been watered. Most have survived the summer and are doing well.
- Woody weeds have been removed in the north and eastern sections of the Park. Outbreaks of evening primrose and stinkwort have been hand weeded. Scattered Rhamnus, boneseed, olives and boxthorn have also been hand pulled. Larger weeds have been geo-located to be dealt with by our contractor.
- Our native bee project is now well underway. You may see our fencing contractor, Jack James, erecting enclosure fencing at Gates 11, 14 and 17. A number of Friends are having good success propagating bee attracting species which will be ready for planting later in the year. We are also working on the interpretive signage which will be placed at each of the 3 sites.

Committee news

- Friends will be leading a group of young people from the City of Onkaparinga's youth centre, Studio 20, on a guided walk during the school holidays.
- We have been meeting with council and NPWS officers to discuss the installation of a north-south shared use path along the eastern boundary of ASCP which will provide a safe connection for commuters between Sellicks and Aldinga Beach. The project has been endorsed by local stakeholders and will now be assessed by senior Council and DEW managers.

Subscriptions for 2021/22:

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

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Mark this date in your diary now!

2021 Fungal Foray
Kuipto Forest, Sunday 13 June
More details in June newsletter



Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the autumn months, weather permitting.

If you are available to help, please contact John on 0488 552 797 to find where the group will be working, or ask to be included in our weekly SMS notification list.

Visit our website at www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au

