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NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Coming meetings

Thursday 10 June

"Hydrological restoration at the Washpool"

Ben Taylor, Senior Wetland Ecologist, Nature Glenelg Trust

Ben will provide some background about the Nature Glenelg Trust and the type of work they do in their reserves in South Australia and Victoria, and on other funded projects they are administering.

Ben will then talk about the objectives of the Washpool project which has been funded by Green Adelaide, and what has been learned so far.

Thursday 8 July

"Mixed feeding flocks in ASCP"

Aidan Bradford, Friends of Aldinga Scrub

Aidan will tell us about how different species interact to create an efficient and safe way of hunting for food through the forest.

Aidan will speak about habitat, biodiversity and species ID, plus where to observe bird activity in the Scrub. He will also tell us about feeding aggregations, a different way birds feed.

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!

Ongoing bird surveys in ASCP

Four members of the Friends have committed to taking surveys of Woodland birds using the Birddata Survey portal to record numbers and species present in the park over time.

Six sections of the park will be surveyed fortnightly and then each round of 6 sites repeated throughout the year. The group will collate data onto a spreadsheet format that should give an indication of any changes over the seasons in a given area of the park.

One of the birds seen on a recent survey was this Peregrine Falcon beautifully captured by Aidan Bradford.



2021 Planting Day Gate 11 Native bee project Tuesday 22 June at 9:30 am

This year's planting day will be held during a regular working bee as we have seedlings ready to plant in the new enclosure on Boomerang Track, just east of Acacia Terrace.



We have propagated a selection of species which will be particularly attractive to native bees. You are very welcome to join our working bee crew, and learn more about this innovative project while you lend a hand with the planting.

Many thanks to all the Friends who have renewed their membership for the coming year. If you haven't done so yet, please help us by renewing now!

Memberships for 2021/22

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

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Committee news

- Friends are invited to join Thelma on our annual Fungal Foray, this year in Kuypto Forest on Sunday 13 June. Final arrangements will be made at the General Meeting on Thursday 10 June. If you aren't able to attend the meeting, please contact Helen on 0434 768 306 for more details. If you wish, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the walk. Car pooling will be available.

Park news

- Working bee crews have been tackling veldt grass in the Paxton Patch and the DF enclosures.
- Bridal creeper is appearing early this year and we are fortunate that we have a grant from Green Adelaide to engage a contractor who will begin work shortly to spray this invasive weed. He will also be treating woody and herbaceous weeds throughout the Park.

Aldinga Scrub

A tribute to the Kaurna people, traditional owners of Aldinga Scrub

The last vestige of native bush
Along our Southern shore,
A reminder of how things used to be

Before the migrant ships arrival
With European settlers,
Who struggled for survival
In this ancient Dreamtime land.

Lagoons attracted bird life.
In Spring the orchids bloomed.
Quail and skylark nested here.
Their safe haven was doomed

With feral foxes introduced,
The birds that occupied this place
Moved away or more likely died
When this threat they had to face.

Wild ducks, heron, graceful cranes
Had called this bush land home,
While flocks of black swans
Flew in each night
From distant haunts unknown.

Cape Barren geese arrived
To eat grass patches on the verge,
Where lizards, snakes and wallabies
Each morning would emerge
Out of the lush undergrowth
That was rampant there.

Stringy bark and sheoak
Grew above a mat of fern,
The smaller, native animals were
Sheltered in their turn
In grass trees and in bulrushes
That flourished everywhere.

The Friends of Aldinga Scrub
Are making inroads on
The introduced plants that still survive.
In time they will be gone.

Then native flora will return,
Reclaim its habitat.
The Scrub will surely then survive
If we can manage that.

Thanks to Nancy Weisbrodt for this poem from her recently published anthology 'My Autumn Years'.
Nancy is a Friend of Aldinga Scrub who has known and loved Aldinga Scrub for some 80 years.



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 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

