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Coming meetings

Thursday 14 April

"Butterflies in Aldinga Scrub" Matt Endacott

Matt will be talking about the butterflies which you may see in Aldinga Scrub, and also a project supported by the City of Onkaparinga and Green Adelaide which aims to reintroduce habitat for the Yellowish Sedge Skipper at the Washpool Lagoon.

Matt will then talk about the monitoring he is currently undertaking on the Ogyris butterfly.

Thursday 12 May

"Snippets of history from our local area" Tom Gara

Tom will be telling us about the early explorers and some of the well-known local Aboriginal people including King John, Rodney, Charlotte and Ivaritji.

Tom will also speak about the Willunga Ration Depot which operated from 1859-60 and Norman Tindale's research on place names in the Aldinga area.

Please note: under current COVID rules, masks will be required during attendance at these meetings.

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!

AGM report

The 34th Annual General Meeting of our group was held on Thursday 10 March.

Peter Laffan kindly chaired the meeting, during which informative reports were received from our President, Treasurer and Ranger.

Ranger Genki officiated for the election of positions on the committee. The following Friends were elected unopposed

President: Julie Burgher
Secretary: Helen McSkimming
Treasurer: Jackie Taylor
Committee members: John Edmeades and Aidan Bradford were re-elected and we welcomed Russell Creed as a new committee member.

Bill Rowland was presented with a Gold Pass in recognition of his significant contribution to our group, particularly as the designer of our Special Newsletter which has had several reprints since its first publication in 2011.



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Native bee project completed!

Over the past 2 years, many people have been involved in the implementation of this multifaceted project. The project commenced in 2020 when several Friends began propagating and nurturing species which would be attractive to native bees. Early in 2021, we engaged our fencing contractor Jack to erect 3 enclosures in which to plant the seedlings.



During 2021, the fences were erected, the seedlings planted and bee hotels made by the Aldinga Community Shed were installed at each site. In February this year, we hosted a native bee workshop for Friends and community members to learn about native bees from SA experts Katja and Remko. The workshop was held in a very pleasant space at the new Aldinga Payinthe College.

Finally, in March the attractive interpretive signs produced by Michael from local company Sign Colour were installed at each site.

Throughout this summer, the seedlings have been lovingly watered and are now thriving. Working bee crews have also been ensuring that the enclosures are well maintained and free of weeds.

You are invited to visit the sites at the Dover Street entrance (Gate 14), the Rowley Road entrance (Gate 16) or on the Boomerang Track (Gate 11) and observe the enclosures for signs of native bee activity.



Our thanks to our sponsors and all who contributed to the success of this project.

News from the Park

- John reported at the AGM that working bee crews had contributed some 1200 volunteer hours during 2021/2022. The hours were accrued by 25 Friends during that time. Throughout the year, 1000 seedlings were planted in the bee enclosures, along the dunes and at the Washpool. A less constructive task fell to the working bee crews who assisted with the removal of 18 cubbies/campsites during the year.
- The working bee crew spent one morning removing invasive Caltrop on the eastern boundary. Caltrop is a Declared Weed in the Green Adelaide region.

Committee news

- In early March, Committee members met with our Ranger Genki to discuss how the implementation of the new Aldinga Conservation Park will progress. Genki advised that there are many issues to be addressed, including the incorporation of a few remaining sections of the Washpool, and Indigenous co-management and naming. NPWS will not be rushing into any decisions until full consultation has taken place. The committee agreed that Friends of Aldinga Scrub also will not make any immediate decisions, but will follow the lead of NPWS.



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.

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