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NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Coming meetings

Thursday 9 June

"Update on Hooded Plovers on Onkaparinga beaches" **Dudley Corbett**

Dudley will talk about nesting activity in the 2021/2022 season on beaches between Moana and Sellicks.

He will give an update on the progress of nesting and breeding along this coast line and give some indication of successes, as well as problems and threats and measures to counteract these threats. Dudley will also speak about the work of the 'Friends of the Hooded Plover' volunteers who assist with monitoring and increasing public awareness.

Thursday 14 July

"Dragonflies and damselflies of our southern area" **Aidan Bradford**

Aidan will be introducing the dragonflies and damselflies which we are likely to see in Aldinga Scrub. He will speak about their life cycles, their habitats and their feeding behaviours.

Aidan will then focus on a few particular species, sharing his knowledge and illustrating his talk with some of the beautiful photographs he has taken in Aldinga Scrub.

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!

Year of celebration for Friends of Aldinga Scrub!

2022 is a momentous year for FoAS, it marks 35 years since people from the community gathered at the Aldinga Beach Primary School to propose the formation of Friends of Aldinga Scrub. Since then, our group has developed and flourished, with many significant achievements along the way.

This important milestone was recognised by our NPWS staff at a Volunteers Thank You event at Belair National Park on Sunday 29 May. Jackie was there to receive an award on our behalf, and she was also presented with a copy of the beautiful book 'Where birds sing and wildflowers dance' which is available for all Friends to borrow. Jackie spoke to the gathering about some of our achievements and thanked our Rangers for their support throughout the years.



Friends of Aldinga Scrub will be holding our own celebration on Sunday 11 September at the Aldinga Holiday Park. More details will be available later, but mark this date in your calendar now.

**Guided walk in Aldinga Scrub
Sunday 5 June at 10:30 am
Meet at Dover Street carpark**

Adelaide National Park City is organising a June-long celebration of Adelaide becoming a National Park City, with events being held across metropolitan South Australia.

Friends of Aldinga Scrub are participating in the celebration by leading a guided walk. All Friends are welcome to attend and chat with visitors about our group and how we care for Aldinga Scrub.



**2022 Fungal Foray
Sunday 24 July
Nixon Skinner CP, Myponga**

Once again Thelma will be leading a fascinating foray where we will learn about fungi and the role they play in keeping our bushland healthy.

We will meet at 10:00 am in the carpark near the public toilets in Hansen Street, Myponga. From there we will car pool to the Conservation Park which has very limited parking space.



Following the walk, you might like to enjoy lunch or a coffee at the nearby Valley of Yore café.

News from the Park

- Working bee crews have spent considerable time again this month removing cubbies from the Park.
- Crews continue to remove boneseed and Rhamnus. A recent working bee has focussed on outbreaks of sage in several locations throughout the Park.
- Future working bees will be re-visiting the Paxton Patch and DF exclosures where veldt grass is emerging.
- Revegetation this year will focus on the south eastern section of the Park, near Gates 6 and 7. In this area, we will be installing large paddock tree guards to protect existing vegetation and to shield new plantings. Construction of the guards will commence shortly.
- John is liaising with our contractor Mark Newberry from Fleurieu Eco Solutions in regard to treatment of woody weeds and bridal creeper in the Park this season. We have a total of \$15,000 for this work, thanks to grants from Green Adelaide and DEW.

Committee news

- John, Julie and other working bee members recently met with Kym Syrus, journalist with SA Life, who has prepared an article for the June edition of the magazine. Kym's article will feature the new Aldinga Conservation Park and makes use of photographs from our website gallery. Make sure you get hold of a copy and read Kym's story about our beautiful Park.
- Julie and Helen recently attended the AGM of Friends of Parks Inc via an online video conference. Various reports were presented which indicated that our umbrella organisation is working well and continuing to support Friends groups in numerous ways. As we are not incorporated, Friends of Parks hold our grant monies. They also coordinate public liability insurance and provide invaluable general support to our group.
- Two of our publications have recently been reprinted. Our Special Edition newsletter has some updated information, while the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park booklet is available again at a cost of \$20.

Many thanks to all the Friends who have renewed their membership for the coming year. If you haven't done so yet, we look forward to receiving your payment soon.

**Memberships
for 2022/23**

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

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**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

