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NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Coming meetings

Thursday 13 October

"Putting back the pieces - the hydrological restoration of the largest Fleurieu Peninsula Swamp"

Anthony Abley, Conservation Ecologist, National Parks and Wildlife Service

Anthony will introduce the spectacular and critically endangered Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps and follow the story of Stipiturus Conservation Park from its inception to restoration with a focus on restoring the hydrology of this jewel in the crown of Fleurieu Peninsula Swamps.

Thursday 10 November

"John's many hats"

John Edmeades, FoAS committee member.

John is not only committed to working with Friends of Aldinga Scrub. He also volunteers with numerous other environmental groups, including Moana Sands Conservation Park, COOTS, the SA Region of the Australian Plants Society and the Willunga Environment Centre,

At our final meeting for 2022, John will be telling us about a number of the projects throughout South Australia in which he is involved.

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!

Celebrating 35 years!



FoAS President Julie and Works Coordinator John cut the cake during our 35th birthday celebration at the Aldinga Beach Holiday Park. After the formalities, guests enjoyed a walk in Aldinga Scrub on a pleasant spring afternoon.

Thank you to our Ranger Genki for joining us and speaking about the significant achievements of our group over the past 35 years.

Our thanks also to all the dedicated Friends who support our group by joining working bee crews, attending meetings, serving on the committee or contributing through your membership.

You are invited to our end of year gathering!

Breakfast by the Beach
Sunday 4 December
from 9:00 am



Pack your picnic basket and join us as we celebrate another successful year for Friends of Aldinga Scrub!

We will be meeting at the old shack site below the pathway leading down to the beach from the Esplanade opposite Ocean Street. BYO everything (food, drink, chairs, tables).

Contact Helen on 0434768306 for more information.

Visit to Bio-R project at Frahns Farm, Monarto



A group of Friends recently enjoyed a tour of David Paton's Bio-R project at the Monarto Woodlands Conservation Park. We were very impressed to see the results of David's innovative methods of revegetation just a few years after planting.

We were fortunate to observe a bird-banding session during our visit. On the left, David is showing us a banded male Red-capped Robin which was released as soon as he had finished weighing the bird and recording the information on the band.

Monitoring team at work



During September, we resumed our monitoring program, now known as Aldinga Scrub Bushland Assessment. Earlier in the year, the team pegged out the 3 sites which are to be monitored each year, allowing them to start working through the data sheets as soon as they arrive at each site.

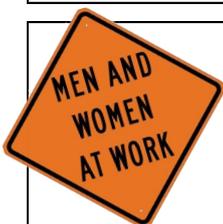
A number of the indicators have now been simplified, but identification of some of the less common species still requires much deliberation and discussion!

News from the Park

- Our working bee crews have completed construction and installation of some 100 paddock tree guards in the south-eastern corner of ACP, with 3 seedlings being planted inside each guard.
- A working bee team recently spent a morning tackling Freesias near Gate 14 (Dover Street entrance). Hundreds of these fragrant but invasive plants were carefully pulled out with bulbs intact and bagged for destruction. Other smaller outbreaks will be removed in the coming weeks.

Committee news

- Matt Endacott from Green Adelaide has kindly offered to conduct a butterfly workshop early in 2023. Watch out for more details which will be provided in the February newsletter.
- We received a grant of \$5,000 from Friends of Parks to engage our contractor to continue his work treating bridal creeper and woody weeds during 2022. This work is now completed. Mark has also nearly completed work being undertaken through an additional grant from Green Adelaide for \$10,000.



Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the spring and summer 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

