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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 13 April

"How to create a habitat garden"

Hannah Jones, Wattle + Wonder

Hannah's presentation will cover the fundamentals of habitat gardening with a big focus on what specific native plants attract local wildlife to your garden.

Hannah will speak about the different types of food and shelter that local native plants can provide and other important elements to consider.

Thursday 11 May

"Australian birds and their role as plant pollinators, seed dispersers and plant pest controllers"

John Gitsham, Birding and Nature Connections

John is the immediate past President of Birds SA and has volunteered at the Ornithology Section of the South Australian Museum.

John's talk will provide an interesting comparison for butterfly enthusiasts, as our native birds share the pollination role of our native plants with butterflies.

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!

Friends and visitors learning about our Park



In late February, Friends and members of the community attended a very informative workshop on native butterflies in our region. Our presenter Matt Endacott from Green Adelaide showed images depicting the beautiful butterflies we might see in the Park or in our gardens, and spoke about the plants needed to support them.

Following his presentation, Matt led us on guided walk in ACP, pointing out where and at what times of the day we might see active butterflies.



On a pleasant autumn day, Friends of Aldinga Scrub welcomed some 30 volunteers who are guides with the Botanic Gardens of South Australia to the Washpool. Chas provided the visitors with an account of the history of activism which saved the Washpool from being bulldozed to create a marina in the 1980s. John spoke about the biodiversity found at the Washpool, and its importance as a site for Indigenous people.

Guided by John and Julie, our visitors then enjoyed a walk through the Washpool, with many pauses to look at the flora and fauna along the way.

AGM report

The 35th Annual General meeting of our group was held on Thursday 9 March 2023.

June Hudson kindly chaired the meeting, where reports were received from our President, Treasurer and our Rangers Steve and Genki.

Ranger Genki conducted the election of members to the committee for 2023/2024. The following Friends were elected unopposed.

President: Julie Burgher

Secretary: Helen McSkimming

Treasurer: Jackie Taylor

Committee members: John Edmeades, Aidan Bradford and Russell Creed were re-elected, and we welcomed Emma Randle as a new committee member. Neville Hudson was elected to fill a temporary vacancy as Treasurer during Jackie's absence for a few months later in the year.



Subscriptions for 2023/2024:

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

Payment options:

EFT (or pay over the counter) to Bendigo Bank

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Account: 134 185 735

Reference: Last name, first name, subs

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News from the Park

- Working bee crews have continued to water our new plantings in the southern section of the Park, and also the seedlings in the 3 native bee exclosures.
- Two *Dillwynia* bushes which were located when in flower last spring have also been watered. As *Dillwynia* are now rarely seen in ACP, guards have been placed around these 2 plants to protect them from inquisitive kangaroos.
- Autumn weed patrols have been removing Rhamnus, boneseed, African daisy, evening primrose, fleabane and others.
- With great satisfaction, we have noted that there are now very few large woody weeds to be found in ACP. Occasionally one will be found and geo-located for treatment by our contactors, but generally we are only finding small outbreaks which can easily be hand-pulled by our working bee crews.
- John has been assisting a group of TAFE students studying Conservation and Land Management who are undertaking kangaroo monitoring in ACP.

Committee news

- After some years under the guidance of Seiji as the Senior Ranger from the Fleurieu Region, Aldinga Conservation Park has been re-assigned to the Southern Metro Region based at Glenthorne National Park, where Steve Johnson is the District Ranger. Prior to his appointment to the Southern Metro region, Steve was the ranger for our Park. We are very pleased to meet up with Steve again, and also pleased that our current ranger Genki has been relocated to the Southern Metro Region where he will continue to be liaising with us. We thank Seiji for his support over the past few years and look forward to working with our new Rangers.
- In her report to the AGM, Julie noted that our working bee crews had amassed a total of 1288 voluntary hours in Aldinga Conservation Park from March 2022 to March 2023. We really appreciate the efforts of everyone in the pool of 25 Friends who volunteer at working bees, and convey our thanks to all who contributed to this significant achievement.



Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the autumn and 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

