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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 10 August

"Soils ain't dirty"

**John Edmeades, Works
Coordinator, FoAS**

John will talk to us about the types of soils we might encounter in Aldinga Conservation Park and beyond. He will explain the genesis and degradation of soils, the hydrology of soil and its relation to plants, and the biodiversity of organisms found in the soil.

John will also speak about the non-wetting soils which are found throughout our Park.

Thursday 14 September

"A trip to Yankaninna Station on the border of the Gammon Ranges"

**Aidan Bradford, FoAS
member, traveller and
photographer**

Aidan will speak about his recent stay at Yankaninna Station in the northern Flinders Ranges.

Yankaninna Station is now leased by Operation Flinders, an organisation which supports and provides opportunities for 'at risk' teenagers. Aidan spent 2 weeks assisting the caretaker and exploring the ancient landscape.

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!



You are invited to join us on a visit to

Glenthorne National Park – Ityamaiipinna Yarta

Wednesday 20 September

Meet at the Ranger Station carpark off Majors Road, O'Halloran Hill at 10:00 am

Rangers based at Glenthorne will be there to meet us. Our guides for the day will be Alan Burns and other Friends of Glenthorne National Park who have offered to show us around this newly proclaimed National Park and tell us about the innovative projects they are undertaking.

We will be particularly interested to learn about one project which involves carrying out research on the reconstruction of native grasslands.

After our tour, we will gather for lunch, so bring a chair and some refreshments if you would like to stay on.

For more information, please contact Helen on 0434 768 306.

Minister Susan Close visits Aldinga Conservation Park



On 13 July, we were very pleased to welcome Susan on her first visit to ACP since becoming the Minister for Environment and Water. We were joined by Kurna people, NPWS staff, and officers from the City of Onkaparinga.

The tour started with a walk along the Coral Lichen Circuit, followed by a visit to the Washpool where we walked out to the weir, and viewed the flows at the outlet.

We thank Susan for visiting ACP, it was a great opportunity for us to inform her about the projects we are currently undertaking and our plans for the future.

This weekend only! Special offer for Friends of Parks

25% off all plants from
State Flora Nurseries

Belair: Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Murray Bridge: Sunday 6 August from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please take a copy of the invitation on the right with you to the nursery. For more details, contact Helen on 0434 768 306.

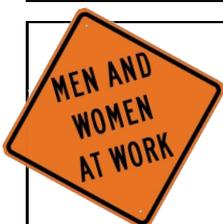


News from the Park

- Working bee crews have constructed and installed some 70 paddock tree guards over the past month. The majority are in the southern section of the Park, visible from Norman Road. Others are in the open area in the northern section. Each guard is about 1 metre in diameter and has two or three seedlings planted inside it.
- Outbreaks of our regular weeds, including onion weed, boneseed, and evening primrose will need to be hand weeded as soon as possible.
- Our contractors are ready to start work in August. Mark and his team from Fleurieu Eco Solutions will be treating bridal creeper south of Boomerang Track, while Tim will be removing veldt grass inside the large enclosure.

Committee news

- We recently attended 2 meetings in relation to the development of a Management Plan for Aldinga Conservation Park which is to be co-managed with Kurna representatives. The first meeting involved members of various stakeholder groups. At the second meeting, FoAS committee members met with the DEW project officer Rachel and Ranger Genki to discuss how the new co-management plan will direct the activities of our group. Both meetings were very informative and productive.
- It was proposed at the recent Friends of Parks AGM that the organisation change its name from Friends of Parks Inc. to Friends of Parks and Nature Inc. to better reflect the broader activities of the organisation.



Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the coming 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

