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NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Coming meetings

Thursday 12 October

"Pebble King of Sellicks Beach"

Tom Gara, local historian

The wonderful Trove digitised newspaper website sometimes provides fascinating and surprising insights into local history.

In this talk Tom will discuss some interesting articles he has found in the early newspapers relating to the Aldinga - Sellicks Beach area.

Thursday 9 November

"Restoring Glenthorne's Native Temperate Grasslands"

**Max McQuillan, PhD Candidate
Restoration Ecology and
Landscape Architecture,
University of Adelaide**

Max's presentation will offer a rigorous analysis of project management strategies and restoration methodologies. He will present comprehensive baseline data on site conditions before restoration commenced, delve into the innovative solarisation techniques employed, and provide a scientific evaluation of initial monitoring results.

This presentation will offer valuable insights into the challenges and successes of this ongoing conservation initiative.

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!



Great Southern BioBlitz 2023 Increasing biodiversity awareness through Citizen Science 24-27 November

Have you heard about this annual event, where each year people from throughout the Southern Hemisphere come together as Citizen Scientists? The event incorporates the use of the iNaturalist app which can be easily downloaded on to your smartphone.

The 'Great Southern BioBlitz', or 'GSB' for short, is an international period of intense biological surveying over one weekend in springtime. Using the iNaturalist app, you photograph and upload images of plants or animals to the website. From your photographs, identification will be suggested by the app if you're not sure, and then other experts will view your observations, and either confirm your ID or suggest corrections.

The GSB is great fun for all the family. We have some experienced iNaturalists in Friends of Aldinga Scrub who would be really happy to help you get set up if you're not sure how it works, just let us know if you need a hand. This is a great opportunity to spend time in our Park and record your sightings. Let's see if we can upload a record number of observations in Aldinga Conservation Park in 2023!

You are invited to our end of year gathering!

**Breakfast by the Beach
Sunday 3 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.



Nature Festival Walk in Aldinga Conservation Park

On October 1, visitors came from all over Adelaide to enjoy a walk around the Coral Lichen Circuit.

Neville and Aidan led the walk, pointing out the significant flora and fauna along the way. Our visitors were also interested to hear about the work done by our group to protect the biodiversity of our Park.

Friends of Aldinga Scrub visit Glenthorne National Park

In September, a group of Friends were guided around the new 200 ha National Park at O'Halloran Hill by Alan Burns from the Friends of Glenthorne group. Alan spoke to us about the European history of the site which was originally established by the O'Halloran family, and also about the projects his group is undertaking to revegetate the property.

Alan took us to the large dam where his group has been working for some years to restore biodiversity, and also to the 'pods' they have established to begin revegetating in more degraded areas.

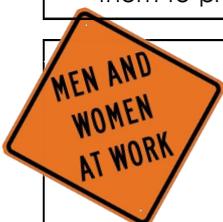


News from the Park

- Working bee crews have spent 2 mornings working along the western boundary behind the dunes. A number of large boneseed plants, as well as many small ones, were removed. Despite these occasional outbreaks, overall we are seeing far fewer woody weeds in ACP now.
- Other weeds being tackled recently include onion weed on the southern boundary, soursobs in the bee enclosures, and freesias near the Dover Street entrance.
- Over recent weeks, we have been very pleased to sight several *Dillwynia hispida* plants in various locations throughout the Park. As these plants are becoming increasingly less common in ACP, we have erected paddock tree guards around them to prevent kangaroo grazing.

Committee news

- We have successfully applied for a grant from Green Adelaide which will provide \$10,000 to be spent treating Bridal Creeper in Aldinga Conservation Park in 2024. We will be engaging our experienced contractors, Fleurieu Eco Solutions, to carry out this work.
- Our application to the City of Onkaparinga to provide funds to deliver a workshop has also been successful. The topic for the workshop, to be held in spring next year, will be 'Day of the Beetles'.
- Council has agreed to transfer 2 more parcels of land held by City of Onkaparinga at the Washpool which will be incorporated into Aldinga Conservation Park. The committee has supported the transfer of this land.



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

