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## NEWSLETTER

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### Coming meetings

#### Thursday 8 February

**"Next Steps Towards  
Hydrological Restoration of the  
Aldinga Washpool"**

**Ben Taylor, Nature Glenelg  
Trust**

Nature Glenelg Trust was recently awarded a second Green Adelaide Grassroots Grant to continue with investigations to inform the hydrological restoration of the Aldinga Washpool. The new grant focusses on some key technical questions that need to be answered before restoration can proceed.

Ben will revisit the outcomes of NGT's work at the Washpool so far and explain what will be done under the current grant over the next two years.

#### Thursday 14 March

#### **2024 Annual General Meeting**

At our 36th AGM, we will receive reports about last year's activities, and elect the committee for the coming year.

Following the meeting, we will have a chance to chat with Friends and enjoy a light supper.

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 of Aldinga Scrub in 2023



Our working bee team erecting a kangaroo enclosure fence



Our bird surveyors observing and recording sightings



Friends enjoying our annual end of year picnic

**We'd love to see you at some of our activities  
in 2024!**

## Developing a Biodiversity Act for South Australia

Discussion paper



### South Australia's new Biodiversity Act

The State Government is introducing a Biodiversity Act – the first of its kind in our state – and you are invited to help shape its development.

The government wants to understand your expectations around biodiversity conservation and the priorities for a new Act. As biodiversity touches all our lives, they are not just looking for feedback from experts.

For more information, you can read the Discussion Paper, or watch a Q&A video with Tim Jarvis. You can have your say by taking a survey, or emailing or posting comments to DEW.

To learn more about the proposed act and how you can be involved in its development, go to the DEW Biodiversity Act website [here](#).

### Park of the Month - Glenthorne National Park and Hallett Cove Conservation Park

If you haven't yet visited the new Glenthorne NP at O'Halloran Hill, this is a great opportunity to discover all it has to offer!

During February, you can explore cultural heritage with a family-friendly nature walk, experience an underground world snorkelling at Hallett Cove beach, join a botanical tour of Hallett Cove Conservation Park or unleash your creativity with art in the park.



For more information, visit the Park of the Month website [here](#).

#### News from the Park

- Working bees have been held on most Tuesdays throughout the summer. We have been handweeding veldt grass in several of the exclosures, and evening primrose and African daisy in the open areas.
- As a result of high winds, numerous trees have fallen across paths in ACP over the summer months. We thank our Rangers for promptly removing them before walkers trample vegetation to create new paths around the fallen trees.
- Our Ranger Genki has kindly provided us with equipment to support our working bee team. We now have a good supply of gloves, 2 new mini-mattocks, a number of grape knives, and a replacement First Aid kit.

#### Committee news

- We have been fortunate to secure 3 new grants to support our work in 2024. We have received a \$5,000 DEW Small grant and a \$10,000 Green Adelaide Grassroots grant which will both be used to engage our contractors, Fleurieu Eco Solutions, to continue their work on weed control in the Park. The priority weed this year will be Bridal Creeper, but the team will also remove any woody weeds they encounter. We were also pleased to have received an Environment grant from the City of Onkaparinga which will be used to provide a workshop later in the year entitled 'The Day of the Beetles'. In addition, we will be continuing work funded under our Partnership grant to protect vulnerable species in the Park.

MEN AND  
WOMEN  
AT WORK

#### 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](http://www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au)

