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## NEWSLETTER

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### Coming meetings

#### Thursday 11 April

**"Osprey Artificial Nest Platform Project - Community Involvement, Satellite Tracking & Colour Banding"**

**Ian Falkenberg, Friends of Osprey**

*This project commenced in 2020 with a focus on the recovery of the Osprey population across the Yorke Peninsula and St Vincent Gulf areas and more recently Eyre Peninsula.*

*Ian will explain how artificial nest platforms have been designed to provide a safe and secure place for the birds to breed without risk of disturbances from humans or predators.*

#### Thursday 9 May

**"My travels in Kenya"**

**Genki Kondo, NPWS Ranger, Southern Metro District**

*Genki will present a personal account of the journey he made to Kenya last year with his family.*

*Genki will illustrate his talk with photographs of wildlife he took during his travels.*

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!**

### 2 great opportunities to purchase local native plants for your garden!



**Urrbrae Agricultural High School  
Australian Native Plant Market  
Saturday 13 April 2024  
9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Stock up for the autumn planting season and enjoy exhibits from The Butterfly Society, Native Orchid Society of SA (NOSSA), International Wood Collections and Honey Bee.

There will also be a coffee van onsite. Entry via gold coin donation

**Nangawooka Flora Reserve, Victor Harbor  
Open Day & Native Plant Sale  
Sunday 28 April 2024  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Morning and afternoon tea will be available and an 'all day' sausage sizzle. Native Plant Growers will be selling a wide range of plants and will also be happy to give advice on planting and maintaining a native garden. A free soil testing service will be provided.

NOSSA will be there with info and orchids for sale. Entry is a gold coin donation towards the continued



### **Bettongs at Dusk: Twilight Tour & Animal Feeding at the EcoClassroom Sanctuary**

**Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale  
Saturday 25 May 2024  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

You'll be guided through the sanctuary to learn about the local native plants and animals, and then you will see the animals come out for their evening feeding.

Cost: Adults \$17.00, concession \$7.00. For more information, contact the Willunga Environment Centre on 8556 4188.

## AGM report

The 36th Annual General meeting of our group was held on Thursday 14 March. 2024.

David Woods chaired the meeting, where reports were received from our President and Treasurer, and our Ranger Genki.

Julie Burgher provided a presentation of 'Innamincka Highlights', which portrayed beautiful bird photography from her trip to the north of South Australia last year.

Cr Paul Yeomans, one of our elected members on council, conducted the election of committee members for 2024/2025. The following Friends were elected unopposed.

President: Julie Burgher  
Secretary: Helen McSkimming  
Treasurer: Jackie Taylor  
Committee members:  
John Edmeades  
Aidan Bradford  
Russell Creed



## Subscriptions for 2024/2025:

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

## Payment options:

**EFT** (or pay over the counter) to Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000  
Account: 134 185 735  
Reference: Last name, first name, subs  
To confirm your payment, please email Jackie at [treasurer@friendsofaldingascrub.com.au](mailto:treasurer@friendsofaldingascrub.com.au)

**Post** The Treasurer  
Friends of Aldinga Scrub  
PO Box 33  
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## News from the Park

- We were very pleased that our new Ranger Angus was able to join our working bee a couple of weeks ago. Angus enthusiastically helped us to remove paddy melons from the northern section and bag the spiny fruit.
- Other weeds removed from this section included lupins, evening primrose and fleabane.
- We have spent a couple of sessions weeding veldt grass in the DF enclosure and are very pleased to see the emergence of native grasses now that much of the competition has been removed.
- It was most disappointing to encounter a very large fort opposite the Hart Road Wetlands. We thank Genki and his works team for dismantling this structure and removing the associated rubbish.
- Following the prolonged dry spell, crews have watered the seedlings in the 3 bee enclosures. The success of these plantings is very pleasing.
- To avoid the worst of the morning heat, it was agreed that working bees would commence at 8:30 am during daylight saving months.

## Committee news

- In his report to the AGM, Ranger Genki advised that work on the management plan for Aldinga Conservation Park is proceeding. New signage for the park is expected to be installed during the 2024/2025 financial year.
- Genki also advised us that he is moving on to manage the parks in the northern section of the Southern Metro region, including Glenthorne NP. We are sorry that Genki is leaving us as he has been a very committed and supportive ranger for our group, and we wish him well in his new role.
- Also at the AGM, Julie reported that our working bee crews had accrued a total of 1003 voluntary hours in Aldinga Conservation Park from March 2023 to March 2024. Our thanks to the 32 members who helped to contribute to this impressive achievement.
- Green Adelaide Grassroots Grants are now open for projects to be completed in 2025. We will be seeking funds to continue to engage our contractors in working towards the eradication of Bridal creeper in Aldinga Conservation Park.



## Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am (8:30 am during daylight saving months)

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)

