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NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Coming meetings

Thursday 10 April

'Breakout Creek Transformed!'

Sam Phillips, Senior Water Projects Engineer with Green Adelaide

Breakout Creek / Purruna Parri ('River of Life') is the last three kilometres or so of River Torrens / Karrawirra Parri. It's an artificial channel dug in the 1930s to help manage flooding of the city and the western suburbs.

Sam will talk about how some of the 245,000 new native plants, covering over 80 different species, are thriving in this new habitat. Sam will describe how the wetlands are helping to clean stormwater from the surrounding suburbs.

Thursday 8 May

'Rewilding Your Verge: Enhancing Biodiversity in Urban Spaces'

Hannah Jones, Wattle + Wonder

Join us for a presentation on planting native habitat on your verge and learn how to create a sustainable, low-maintenance, and wildlife-friendly space. We'll cover the benefits of native planting, council regulations, plant selection, design ideas, and resources and support available to get yourself started!

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!

ReBird the Ranges



The Mount Lofty Ranges has one of the highest concentrations of threatened woodland bird species in Australia. Seventy-eight species are in decline, and twelve species are already regionally extinct.

Over the next 75 years, this project aims to reverse the declines and prevent further extinctions of woodland bird species in the Mount Lofty Ranges through conservation, restoration and community involvement.

The project, which is supported by conservation groups, universities, and revegetation specialists has a very attractive and informative website at <https://rebirdtheranges.org/> where you can find out more about the project and how you might get involved.

Partners of the project include National Parks and Wildlife Service, Green Adelaide, Trees For Life, Birds SA and bioR.



Spotted Pardalote in Aldinga CP
Photo by Neville

Thank you Bob Moore!

We were honoured and very grateful to receive a generous bequest from the estate of Bob Moore, who passed away in January 2022. Bob was an inaugural member of Friends of Aldinga Scrub, served for some time as our President, and was an active working bee participant for many years.



With Bob's very kind donation of \$13,000, we will be able to undertake numerous additional projects and engage contractors to support our working bee crews.

AGM report

The 37h Annual General meeting of our group was held on Thursday 13 March 2025.

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

Neville Hudson conducted the election of committee members for 2025/2026. The following Friends were elected unopposed.

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

Tom Gara has indicated that he is willing to join the committee and will be co-opted at the next meeting.



Subscriptions for 2025/2026:

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

Post The Treasurer
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Tuesday 15 April
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Meet at Emerald Boulevard Reserve

Join with Sustainable Onkaparinga to remove litter, learn about the wetland ecosystem, and help create a cleaner, greener environment for our community.

For more information, search for 'Hart Road Wetland' on [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) or email waste.education.team@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

News from the Park

- Our working bee co-ordinators met recently to map out a plan for our works tasks for 2025. Activities will be allocated according to the priorities of each season.
- Recent working bees have focussed on Management Units 7 and 8, to the north of Gate 12 (cnr Quandong Avenue / Acacia Terrace). We encountered a number of outbreaks of small boneseed and young Rhamnus, and also one very large boxthorn which was quite a challenge to remove!

Committee news

- The shared-use path along the eastern boundary is nearly completed. We met recently with council officers to discuss access points and signage.
- We have received grants from Green Adelaide and DEW which will allow us to continue treating woody weeds and bridal creeper in 2025. We will also be finalising our 3 year Partnership Grant which has supported the work of a contractor engaged to protect threatened species in ACP.



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

