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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 12 June

'The Sellicks Beach pebble bank; geological history and mining leases'

Tom Gara, Historian

A prominent pebble bank extends along the coastline from the mouth of Cactus Canyon at Sellicks Beach northwards to Silver Sands. Tom will discuss the formation of the pebble bank which commenced when sea-levels began to rise at the end of the last Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago, submerging the broad coastal plain that formerly extended more than 100 kms out from today's coastline. Tom will also document the commercial mining of the pebble bank which commenced in about 1913 and continued for more than a decade, resulting in the removal of thousands of tons of pebbles from the area.

Thursday 10 July

'Vegetation condition assessment in ACP'

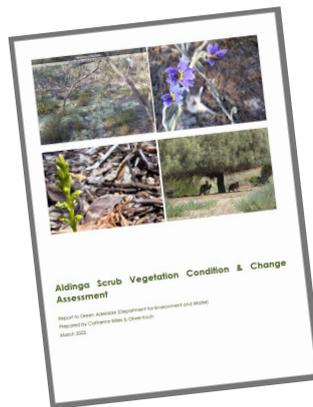
Catherine Miles, consultant

In 2024, Catherine undertook a vegetation condition assessment across the Aldinga Scrub to review the Aldinga Scrub Biodiversity Plan 2014 (see panel on right). Come along and hear Catherine speak about the achievements of the last 10 years and directions for the future.

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!

Aldinga Scrub Vegetation Condition & Change Assessment



*Report to Green Adelaide
(Department for
Environment and Water)*

*Prepared by Catherine
Miles & Oliver Koch
March 2025*

This recently released report presents the findings of a Vegetation Condition and Change Assessment to understand if works undertaken over the past 10 years have been effective, and provides guidance for vegetation management for the site for the next 5 years.

Following the assessment of condition change, emphasis for future works will be to maintain high quality vegetation and improve vegetation in moderate to good condition:

- Protect and foster significant native species;
- Maintain the condition of primary vegetation management areas;
- Improve the condition of secondary vegetation management areas;
- Maintain the condition of vegetation in the remainder of the park.

You can find the report on the *Coast action* page of the Green Adelaide website or at <https://www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/discover/learn-about-our-coasts-and-seas/coast-action>

Many thanks to all the Friends who have renewed their membership for the coming year. If you haven't done so yet, we look forward to receiving your payment soon.

Memberships for 2025/26

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

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Shared-use path now open!

Council has now completed the construction of a new trail for pedestrians and cyclists within Aldinga Conservation Park. The path follows the eastern boundary of the Park, with entry points at Gate 1 and Gate 17. The K-gates at each end of the path will restrict entry to vehicles other than bikes. The entire length of the path is fenced on the western side with post and wire construction.

The new path is already proving to be very popular, especially for people looking for a safe passage between Sellicks Beach and Aldinga Central. New signage is to be installed in the coming weeks.



One Tree Per Child Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Avenue, Aldinga Beach Sunday 15 June from 2-4 pm



Join Friends of Aldinga Scrub as we showcase our group at this City of Onkaparinga community tree giveaway event.

Activities on the day will include

- expert tree care and planting advice
- face painting and craft activities
- community garden tours
- a pollinator friendly garden session
- information stalls
- coffee van

News from the Park

- Our rangers have advised that DEW will be engaging a number of contractors to carry out work in the next few months. Work will include weed control at the Washpool, weed control at the Camp Kursa site, vertebrate pest control, and treatment of bridal creeper and the guarding of recruiting banksia in the south-western area. These projects will complement the work carried out by our volunteers and the contractors we engage through our grants.

Committee news

- Bridal creeper was identified in the assessment report as a major threat to the biodiversity of ACP. Consequently, we have applied for a larger Green Adelaide Grassroots grant of \$20,000 to treat bridal creeper and woody weeds in 2026.
- Our Ranger Angus is moving on to a new position as Restoration Ecologist with DEW. We have appreciated the support Angus has provided and wish him well. We look forward to meeting our new Ranger, Simon.



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

