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Coming meetings

Thursday 14 August

'Explore more about the GSR - it's pure gold!'

Dr David Muirhead

David says his presentation will be "a rambling account by an aging recreational eco diver on the wonders of kelp and the amazing life under that golden brown canopy." If by the end you're more anxious about the future of this Great Southern Reef than you are about Queensland coral (especially given the current outbreak of algal bloom), then David will have fulfilled his purpose.

David will show photos (and maybe some brief video footage) of the marine environment of the south west Fleurieu, including Aldinga."

Thursday 11 September

'Restoration of Sellicks Creek'

Aidan Bradford

We will be looking at early farming practices and the effects on water erosion, detriment of native flora and fauna, and creating an unsafe and unviable environment.

Aidan will be speaking about the efforts of the State Government and Onkaparinga Council at restoration and the return of biodiversity to the Sellicks hills and suburbia.

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!

Join Friends of Aldinga Scrub for a visit to

Hallett Cove Conservation Park

**Friday 19 September
at 11:00 am**

Meet at the Boatshed Café, 1a Heron Way, Hallett Cove



Friends of Hallett Cove will host our visit and provide us with a guided walk around the Park. We will see the results of their revegetation and weed control program which has addressed the widespread degradation and removal of original vegetation.

The Friends will show us the Bushcare methods they have adopted since their formation in 1987. Their revegetation program includes the planting of over 35,000 seedlings and they have also undertaken direct seeding in various sections of the park.

Stay on for a picnic lunch. Bring your own chair, food and drinks.

For more information, please contact Helen on 0434 768 306.

In the coming months, we will be leading two guided walks for members of the public.

Springtime walks in Aldinga Conservation Park

Saturday 13 September at 10:00 am hosted by Aldinga Library. This walk is being organised by the Library as part of their local history program to celebrate 40 years since the gazetting of Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park in 1985.

Sunday 12 October at 10:30 am hosted by Nature Festival South Australia 2025. We expect that his walk will draw visitors from near and far.

Friends are invited to come along and chat with our visitors about Aldinga Conservation Park, or just join the walks if you would like to discover more about the park yourself.

More information about these walks will be found on the respective websites in coming weeks.

Thank you Julie!

Julie has advised the committee that she wishes to retire as President of our group. Julie has been our president for some 12 years, and we have been extremely fortunate to benefit from her insightful guidance and immense knowledge throughout those years. However, we are very pleased that Julie will continue to lead the bird survey group, as well as attending working bees and vegetation monitoring.

We are most grateful that Tom Gara has agreed to step in as our new President. Tom's considerable experience and expertise will very much add to the capacity of our group.



Friends of Aldinga Scrub in the community

On Sunday 15 June, Friends of Aldinga Scrub participated in a community event at the Aldinga Community Centre. The theme of the day was 'One Tree per Child' and, with 1000 local native provenance trees being given away to local residents, this event had a strong focus on the environment and sustainability.

Visitors were attracted to our colourful and informative display, and Friends in attendance were kept busy all afternoon talking to members of the community about our unique Park.

Green Minds Weed Watch group join Friends of Aldinga Scrub working bee

On Tuesday 15 July, a group of young people from our local youth centre, Studio 20, joined our regular working bee. We were very impressed with their interest and their enthusiasm. During the morning, the young people helped us to plant, water and remove weeds. Following their hard work, the group enjoyed refreshments at the Breeze Café.

We would be very keen to host these young environmentalists again!



News from the Park

- We have been weeding and watering within the 3 bee enclosures and paddock tree guards, and planting to fill gaps
- We have also been pulling lupins in the northern section of the Park
- Freesias are emerging now and will need to be treated. As spraying is the best method, we are planning to engage a contractor to do this work for us.

Committee news

- We have registered with the online portal FreddyMatch which aims to link members of the community with suitable volunteer opportunities. You can check out our entry at freddymatch.com.au
- Working under DEW and Green Adelaide grants, our contractors Fleurieu Eco Solutions have started their work treating bridal creeper and woody weeds 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

