Friends of Wangkuntila-Aldinga Conservation Park

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Coming meetings

Thursday 8 October

"The Fleurieu Rocks"

Rob Kirk

Rob is a geologist living on a farm near Yankalilla who is interested in the local history - young (less than 200 years) as well as old (more than 10 million years)! Rob has recently written an illustrated book on the Fleurieu Geology which includes field trips you can do.

His talk will be about some of the amazing geology on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Rob will tell us about 1.7-billion-year-old outcrops at Lady Bay, remains of 5 km high mountains at Second Valley, Permian big freeze rocks, rainforests at Maslin Beach and two ton wombats at Hallett Cove!

Thursday 12 November

"CoastSnap Project"

Ben Moulton, City of Onkaparinga

CoastSnap is a global citizen science project to capture our changing coastlines.

Ben will tell us about the 10 smart phone cradles which have now been installed along the Onkaparinga coastline. Place your phone in the cradle, take photos and upload them to CoastSnap. Through the app, data from your phone will be analysed to track changes to the coast over time arising from storms, rising sea levels, human activity and other factors.

Find out how you can participate in this innovative project!

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!

Visit to Scott Creek Conservation Park Thursday 22 October

Following his talk to our General Meeting in June, Peter Watton from the Friends of Scott Creek will be taking us on a guided walk through the Park, where he will be showing us areas of interest, including post-fire regeneration and return of wildlife after the destructive fire of 2021.

We will be meeting at the Park at 10:30 am. Following our walk, we will enjoy a picnic lunch in the Park. You will need to bring your own chair, lunch and drinks.

Arrangements for the visit will be discussed at our General Meeting on 8 October and car sharing can be organised. If you would like to join us but can't attend the meeting, please contact Helen.

Nature Festival 2026
Walk in Wangkuntila-Aldinga CP
Sunday 4 October
10:30 am - 12 noon

All Friends are welcome to join us as we showcase the beauty of our unique Park to our visitors. Meet at Dover Street car park.



You are invited to our end of year gathering!

Breakfast by the Beach
Sunday 6 December
from 9:00 am



Pack your picnic basket and join us as we celebrate another successful year for Friends of Wangkuntila-Aldinga CP!!

We will be meeting at the old shack site below the pathway leading down to the beach from the Esplanade opposite Ocean Street. BYO everything (food, drink, chairs, tables).

Please contact Helen on 0434 768 306 for more information.

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Black swan with cygnets

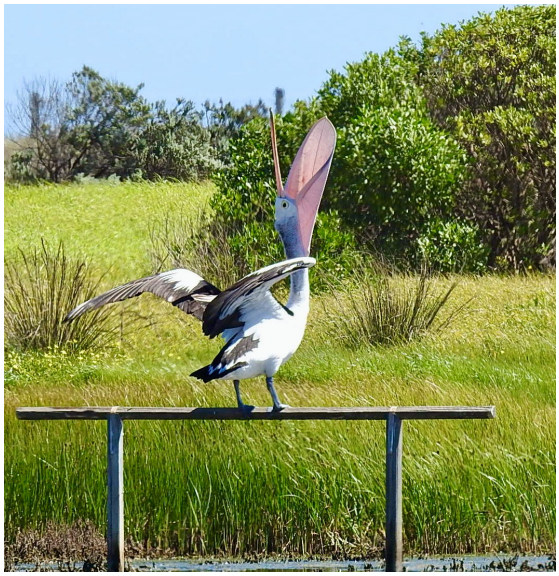


Australian Emperor Dragonflies laying eggs in tandem

Wildlife at the Washpool



Royal Spoonbill in full breeding plumage



Australian Pelican having a stretch and a yawn

Photos by Aidan

News from the Park

- Following the wet winter and the warm spring conditions, lupins in the northern paddock which usually can be hand-pulled, have required mattocks this year to remove! Masses of seed heads have been bagged and taken away.
- Removal of veldt grass in the large exclosures has continued.
- Weeding has been done in the three bee exclosures, along with some infill planting.

Committee news

- We are fortunate to have received a grant of $20,000 from Green Adelaide which will allow us to engage our contractors in 2027 to continue their work on treatment of bridal creeper and woody weeds.
- Three of our members recently attended a works planning meeting with our Rangers to determine priorities for the coming year.
- DEW has allocated funds to engage their contractor to weed in the orchid exclosures.



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.fowacp.org.au