



ONKAPARINGA PARKWATCH

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF ONKAPARINGA PARK INC.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Welcome to 2018. May the New Year bring everything you hope for, particularly for the environment?

I am indebted to you, the members, for the demonstration of faith in giving me the privilege to head FOOP for another year. This faith was also demonstrated in the re-election of committee members and the addition of someone new. As we progress through 2018, I am certain our deliberations will keep the group on the right path.

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance." — Theodore Roosevelt

President Roosevelt (1858 – 1919) understood that if action wasn't taken to protect remnant patches of 'wilderness' as it was known, future generations would never understand or experience what eons has created. What have our present leaders learned in the 99 years since? I, for one, doubt that they even bother to consider the damage that is being done to the environment. I hope that, like me, you will closely examine the promises being made by our state politicians as we near the March election. Some of the ideas being floated before Christmas were incomprehensible.

I made reference throughout 2017 that the concepts of sustainability, environment and conservation are missing in much of what gets put forward by elected leaders. We understand that funding has to be found for all manner of things; but what is perplexing is that the environment seems to figure very low in current planning/thinking. Go figure?

The goat cull was successful. 29 goats and 2 sheep were removed and our contact ranger Steve has given an assurance that 2018 will see follow-up action. Estimates are that there are still around 12 goats remaining. Whilst on the subject of feral animals in the parks, I was interviewed by ABC TV News on the topic of the State Government's proposal to reduce feral deer numbers. Most would be aware of the group's ongoing concern over damage being caused by deer particularly to new plantings, and whilst many of us do not have concerns over husbandry of deer they have no place in National Parks or any area set aside for conservation of flora and fauna. Deer are a very destructive animal, stripping the bark from trees and shrubs which results in the damaged trees and shrubs failing to blossom, or have very poor blossoming for a number of years. Many of the woodland birds rely on such flowering plants for their food and an aid to their reproduction, and may be one of the reasons woodland birds are declining. Humane culling is an absolute necessity otherwise we are never going to see the vegetation in the parks return to anything like existed when European settlers arrived.

Despite the spells of very hot weather, both parks are in good condition. Last season's planting are hanging on and should benefit from watering when we get the opportunity. Fire bans have prevented us from doing so on a number of occasions.

FOOP was successful in gaining one of the DEWNR On-Ground Volunteer Support Grants aimed at improving and maintaining native vegetation in the Punchbowl Lookout area. We owe a debt of gratitude to Michael Whitaker for his work in compiling and submitting the successful application. This work will continue throughout the following year.

At the last two General Meetings we have raised the topic of the volunteer cleaning of the toilets at Chapel Hill. The ongoing arrangement we have with DEWNR is a major fund raiser. If you believe you may be able to spare an hour or two a week to help with this work, we would be only too pleased to add you to the roster. The roster means cleaning once a week for a month at a time. The more helpers we have lightens the load.

FRIENDS OF ONKAPARINGA PARK INC

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I was kindly given an article from the *Weekend Australian* of 6 January 2018 by Greg Roberts; titled "A bird in the hand may not mean more in the bush". Whilst the main point of the article focussed upon captive-breeding programs to help birds threatened by extinction; one particular statement provided me with much clearer understanding of the current state of the environment in this country as viewed by federal and state politicians alike. "...Australia has the worlds' highest rate of mammal extinctions; birds have only recently begun to catch up..." It highlights our dilemma, do politicians care or are they incapable of understanding that time is already too short? The proposed sale of crown land for a golf course on KI is but one example. More must be done for birds, plants and animals. I hope this message sinks in.

Graham Thomas February 2018

A Walk in the Park

Back in early 2011, our late (and much missed) President, Colin Malcolm asked me to organise a walk in the Park, to commemorate the 25th year of Friends of Onkaparinga Park Inc. He thought that we should repeat the epic two-day walk completed some years earlier. This started at the eastern boundary, following the River through the whole Park from the east to Gulf St Vincent in the west. I pointed out that we were all somewhat older and such a walk might reduce our numbers to an unaffordable degree!

Instead, I proposed a series of boundary walks, over a number of weeks, these being circuits where possible. We did these walks from October to March, on alternate Thursday evenings, where each one took an hour or two to complete and all were within the abilities of most of our membership.

The walks were enjoyed and I was encouraged to include them in a walking guide book. This was an absorbing project, not least because I knew little about map-making, publishing and printing, to say nothing of the history, geography, geology and so on that I would need to add if I wanted to produce a well-rounded book that anyone would want to buy.

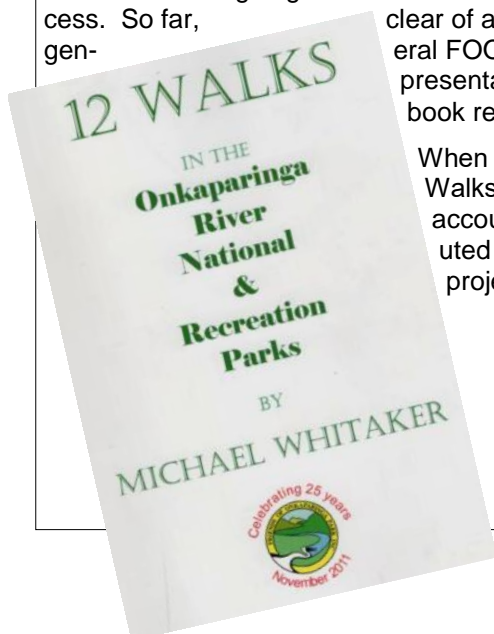
Time passed while all these topics were tackled and eventually, in 2012 a book came out, called "12 Walks in the Onkaparinga River National and Recreation Parks". I priced it on the basis of a limited circle of Friends who would buy it. I wanted to cover the printing cost, at least. To my surprise and delight, the first 100 sold and I dared to reprint a second 100 books.

Meanwhile, the only criticism of this book that I heard was that it didn't include some of the best walks in the Park. For example, the constraint of walking the boundary meant that we had never gone very near the Onkaparinga Gorge itself. So a second volume was called-for and this became "12 More Walks etc...". This second book has sold out twice now (200 copies) and the first volume is nearing the end of its fourth reprint.

None of the foregoing is intended as a boast – I think I surprised myself more than others that the project had such success. So far, clear of all printing, ISBN and other costs, we have made \$1150 that went straight into the general FOOP funds. Also \$1517.40, which has purchased a projector and screen, etc. for presentations at our monthly meeting. Finally, there is \$925 still in the account, plus 48 book remaining for sale.

When the dust has settled over the Park upgrades, there might be a third book ("12 Best Walks..."??), to include new walking paths and the best of the rest. The balance in the account will pay for this third book to be printed. So, well done everyone who contributed to this success by buying books, suggesting improvements, promoting the whole project and being good friends.

Michael Whitaker





From the Editor 's Desk.

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Happy New Year fellow FOOPers I hope Christmas was a good time for you all and you received what you asked Santa for. While I didn't actually ask for it I received a model of Da Vinci's clock. It is one of those you have to erect and did of course come with instructions. Being a male I only consider instructions as convenient references if needed and naturally proceeded to build it after a quick read of said instructions.

All was going well considering that at the time I was also watching a "who dun" it on TV. Gill loves murder mysteries which is why I sleep with one eye open.

Anyway eventually I finished the model and marvelled at the ingenuity of Da Vinci—today most have a bit of an idea how a clock works but in his day modern clocks were only just starting to evolve.

The clock uses gravity to work it and it has a little basket to put the weights in. So with a flourish to impress my adoring wife I put the weights in and the clock worked except it was going backward. Ah I thought a time machine but as we noted time was in general moving inexorably forward just as Einstein noted I realised I had done something wrong.

I pondered a little and then realised my mistake (my real mistake was I didn't read the instructions properly) and after some rework had another go. Now it didn't work at all.

This time I did look at the instructions having remembered there was a warning that one piece had to go in a certain way. I thought I had done that properly but on inspection noted that indeed I had put it in backward.

I fixed that and at last the clock worked as it should.

As I gazed with a certain amount of pride at my ability to make what was essentially a child's toy it dawned on me that what had happened was in fact a metaphor for life in so many ways.

- The first lesson was—read the instructions it will save time overall.
- The second lesson was— we are all cogs in a huge "machine" in a sense and things go wrong or just don't work when a cog is in the wrong place or as in my clock, backward.
- Its good to try new things like basic mechanics etc., but don't expect miracles.

We are all cogs in this Earth machine and while in the main we probably don't affect the running of said machine all that much as individuals as a bloc we can have meaningful results. It can be for the good or bad overall. But the idea of good and bad will always be subjective so what I may think is good some will say its bad just to confuse us.

I think we should be teaching that we live in the Earth's environment. It is not a separate place. As such if you dump in one place expect the stink to permeate everywhere eventually. You can interpret that anyway you want by the way. Its not a simple problem to be resolved but resolve it we must unless we want to live in a toilet.

We are involved in a park system that is slowly but surely being surrounded by built structures. People have to live somewhere. Where we live was once a major meeting place for the Kurna people and before that a wilderness.

The close to park environment is being replaced by another until the park boundaries are reached. But even though the built structures are not actually in the park they will impact what happens in the park. For instance the runoff water going down Hackham creek will now be more urban (heavy metals etc) because there is now a suburban environment surrounding it. Thirty years ago it was open paddock. All water courses feeding into the Onka will be changing in the same way as the suburbs move closer and start incorporating these small streams as "runoff". The wetlands will be under even more pressure.

I like wetlands but some look at the open area and wonder why all that land is wasted.

Graham makes reference to a parcel of land on Kangaroo Island coveted by an adjoining golf club. It is history repeating itself; probably many times over.

Specifically, however, Onk Recreation park was subject to a similar proposition many years ago. The then Noarlunga council had plans to make the estuary a golf course with club rooms etc which was interesting because at the time the state government owned the land not the council. The threat was stopped by lots of little cogs but it was a close run thing.

Being a recreation park there is a latent threat that one day this could rear its head again. Changing recreation park boundaries is relatively easy compared to say National Parks but why would people want to?

All it would need is a lot of little cogs with no interest in wetlands (some fear them because of snakes and mosquitoes) petitioning the government of the day to have the wetlands drained, the river dredged to allow vessels to sail safely up and down it and a comparatively simple engineering solution to the river mouth to ensure ingress and egress, a modern exclusive estate with river frontages surrounding a world class golf course and our much loved wetlands would be under real threat. With a bike trail it would be "perfect."

What Friends groups as a whole need to seriously consider is collectively embarking on an education program to educate people why we actively work in these parks and why we see a place for those quiet (?) places in the environment for all to enjoy without recourse to built structures— it is good for the soul.

Masked Lapwing / Spur-winged Plover..... 35 to 39 cm common breeding locally

Most people know of these birds, even if it's only a recollection of being repeatedly swooped while walking across some open space minding your own business. They are particularly aggressive to intruders onto their patch in the breeding season, in Spring they usually seems most active. Disturbing Lapwings with chicks generally results in an attack on the wing, lots of warning vocalisations and dive bombing is the norm, and even striking with the spurs on their wings. They show little restraint in defending their patch.. There always seems to be some around the Onkaparinga, and at times in wetter seasons a great many can be seen in particular around the wetland lakes. Preferring open grasslands, or marshy verges, this is where they feed and lay their eggs, areas that offer little protection from predators and the elements.....so their aggressive behaviour to intruders is understandable. Aside from grasslands and the like, they also frequently lay their eggs in unexpected places such as car parks, road verges, medium strips, gardens. I saw one in the middle of the road of all places ?

The Lapwings tend to hang around longer than most other birds once the Estuary wetlands dry out, and there are still quite a few about. The Estuary seen a huge amount and variety of water birds this year right up until the last few days of the water drying up. A walk around the now dry lakes reveals remains of many nests from a variety of waterfowl, plus numerous other birds that inhabit the reed beds. The receding shallow water levels with so many birds can create a problem, the water becoming putrid from copious quantities of faecal matter deposited, and some birds that feed in the fouled water may suffer from Botulism as a result. This may of been the case with 3 dead Pelicans I found floating in the shallow muddy water, it appeared as though they just went to sleep while afloat. Though no tests on the bodies were conducted I am informed that the deaths were likely Botulism, apparently not uncommon in these kind of situations,, but nothing confirmed.



Aside from the sad discovery of deceased Pelicans on the largest lake, it was great to see so many water birds breed around the Onkaparinga last year. The now long term resident Blue-billed Ducks have raised more ducklings, at least 2 pairs of Pink-eared Ducks have also been successful. Not so pleasing was finding 3 Arrows around the wetlands, but thankfully no dead birds or animals were discovered bearing arrow wounds. I would like to think that maybe nothing sinister was taking place, hopefully just children using the open spaces to fire off Arrows just for fun.....???

Speaking of weapons in the Park, funny story...While I was out with my large birding camera just the other day in the Gorge, in from gate 12 when my mobile phone rang. It seems somebody had seen me and mistook my entering the park with a large camera as me carrying a gun, possibly to shoot wildlife ??? The concerned observer then phoned the Police to report it, who then phoned me. After explaining to the officer I carried no gun or had any illegal intentions, all was cleared up. Still, at least it's reassuring that members of the public are being vigilant around the Onkaparinga Park.

Seems the main breeding season for many Onkaparinga Birds has been good. Most breeding activity has now finished but I have been seeing quite a few fledgling bush birds recently in various stages of plumage, young Golden Whistlers, Grey-shrike Thrushes, Superb Fairy-Wrens, Wattlebirds, Pardalotes just to name a few. Many of the fledged young birds show very little fear in this stage of growth and can be approached and photographed easily.

New Arrivals



Spotted Pardalote



Grey Shrike-thrush



Golden Whistler



Superb Fairy-wren



Red-browed Finches

2 unexpected birds seen in the Park late last year were both Leucistic birds { Leucism is a condition in which there is partial loss of pigmentation in an animal resulting in white, pale, or patchy coloration of the skin, hair, feathers, scales, but not the eyes unlike albinism.. One of the birds seen an Australian White-backed Magpie, or in this case white all over. The other even more usually is a Leucistic Welcome Swallow, I personally have never seen Leucism is a Swallow before, though the peculiarity occurs in a variety of species.



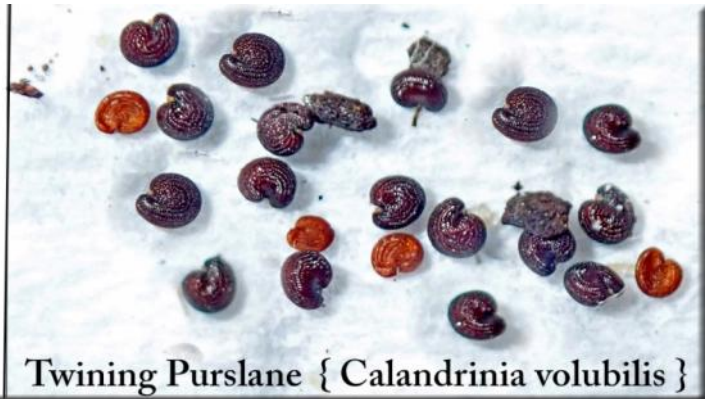
Leucistic Magpie



Leucistic Welcome Swallow

Twining Purslane { Calandrinia volubilis }

And for a completely different subject..... Sometime ago there was a classified rare plant found in the Onkaparinga Gorge. A small plant growing in a rock crevice, and not looking particularly healthy. The plant is called Twining Purslane { Calandrinia volubilis } and the SA Seed Banks has no samples. I was given a tiny piece to try and grow and have now successfully have two more substantial examples growing and producing micro size seeds, hopefully eventually having enough for the Seed Bank stores.



Twining Purslane { Calandrinia volubilis }

Clean up Australia day.

From 9:00 am Sunday 4th March 2018.

Its that time of the year again when we all meet at Perrys bend car park, River Road and help clean our parks of rubbish.

We will end the morning with our famous sausage sizzle You will have to wait until noon.

See you there!

Jill Clark
Phone: 0401 315672.



FOOP History page.....

I did not include this in the last newsletter because other articles took precedence.

FOOP early days roll call.

March 1988.

- Ray and Pat Rogers appeared in Present list on 01/03/1988 and became active regulars from then.
- Others who became regulars for many years but are no longer current were Grant Good, Jean and the late Colin Griffen.
- FOOP had a stall at the Onci Fair.
- Part of the group's management plan was to remove olives.

May 1988.

- Chapel hill trail the target. Money was donated for seats along the trail.
- Money in the bank \$539.05.
- Sheep in the gorge.

June 1988.

- Group's display in the Noarlunga Hub Library.
- Colin Malcolm established photographic points— What a great asset that proved to be .

July 1988.

- In June trees planted behind Metro meat and Sundews. We all brought our lunch.
- Raffles used to raise funds.

August 1988.

- Aero club planted 300 trees in the estuary, Morphett Vale West primary planted 2,000 trees at Sundews.

October 1988

- Ray Rogers to be approached to coordinate seed collecting etc.,
- Planting around the Chapel Hill dam proceeding.
- Fees set by Exec committee as Family \$10.00, Single \$7.00 no concessions. Four newsletters a year and two People, Parks and Preservation magazines.
- Jill and Ron Clark came along on

December 1988.

- Patron Dr B Hardy attends.
- Seed collecting, tree planting and plant watering the constant activities.
- T Shirts being printed in January.
- Money in the bank \$731.37. Books audited by W Heaven.

Jan 1989

- Ray Rogers getting into plant propagating.
- Rumour that the Pioneer Village –Hackham to be shifted to the Estuary.
- Hackham Scout group to plant trees on the Southern slopes of park near Old Coach road.
- Money in the bank \$802.15

February 1989

- Membership attending the monthly meeting –36
- Ray Rogers suggested a canoe down the river day-well received.
- Walks, watering and trail making major activities.

April 1989

- Old Noarlunga Fair stall a success.
- Report on 24/03/1989 working B held by Ray Rogers at Sundews—pines and olives removed, Is this Ray's first working B?
- FOOP to support KESAB clean the scene campaign at R E Young reserve.
- Display board at NPWS service centre , 55 Grenfell st,

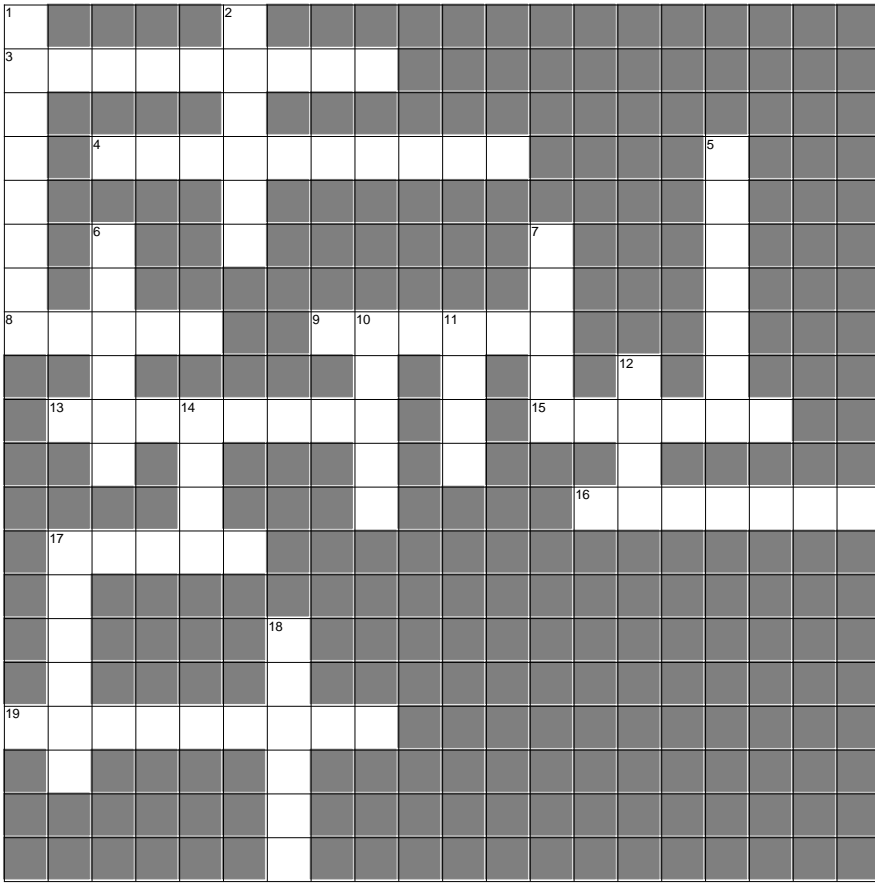
June 1989

- Exec meeting—Ray Rogers—presents tools needed list.
- Sub committee for propagating seeds to be headed by Ray Rogers.
- Paul and Betty Franche to attend FOP forum at Kingston as FOOP reps.
- Money in bank \$1247.22
- Exec committee discussed the pros and cons of becoming an Incorporated body.

July 1989.

- Jill and Ron Clark attend their first FOOP meeting. Vanessa Catterall also attended.
- Report on goat cull—57 goats killed.
- Estuary walk on 1/7/ report given. 9 members attended, very successful. 29 birds identified.
- Speaker—Ted Webster. History of Onkaparinga—Clarendon to Old Noarlunga. Tree felling of big trees, mining in the area, death of a bushranger in Brannigans cave, Donahues rocks, tragedies including suicides, fishing with gelignite, lots of wattle and daub houses along the river. Chimneys made from stone. A wealth of information.
- New member—Ron Clark— wins raffle.

I intend to take this to 1996. Unless of course FOOP members would like me to continue on



Across

3. A Prussian with a passion for botany went a roving with some success only to fall foul of the Australian bush. (9)
4. Active as a prospector and explorer in North Queensland. (10)
8. So convinced was he that there was an inland sea he took a boat when he went to the Australian interior. (5)
9. This Englishman joined with our young Australian born friend but they fell out eventually. (6)
13. A Major no less and a competent if not overly inspired explorer. Found great pastures in western Victoria that made his reputation (8)
15. This Scotsman had a drinking problem but only in the big smoke. He showed the Irish expedition where the trail was. (6)
16. Another Irish man who explored Cape York. (7)
17. This Irishman was a brave man but had no real idea how to live in the Australian bush. (5)
19. Another character who featured as one of the first to official cross the Blue Mountains. (9)

Down

1. He had a boat, a cat and a mate and a desire to find out if Tasmania was a separate island. (8)
2. This Dutch man has an island named after him. (6)
5. Not so much an explorer but definitely a man who visited Australian shores long before the official dates. (7)
6. A Frenchman no less who named our Peninsula - Fleurieu. (6)
7. A South Australian bushman, drover and explorer. Had a lot to do with the Overland Telegraph (5)
10. Found a way through the towering cliffs of the Great Divide and discovered the Liverpool plains. (5)
11. A young brash chap who literally went West from Adelaide and ended up in Perth. (4)
12. Generally considered to be the first home grown explorer. (4)
14. Possibly the greatest English navigator known to us. But did he already know where Terra Australis was. (4)
17. Commemorated locally this explorer as one of Sturt's able Lieutenants came to a tragic end at the Murray mouth. (6)
18. Not an Englishman but an explorer who passed by northern Australia and a strait was named for him. (6)

Rebus puzzles

Courtesy [Terry Stickels](#)

The idea with these puzzles is that the pictogram represents a phrase.

For instance number 2 is Top Secret



I am now providing the solutions so you can research the answers if you want to.
Answers on page 9

FRIENDS OF ONKAPARINGA PARK INC. COMMITTEE 2018

The following members were elected at the AGM on 5th December 2017.

	POSITION	
1	President & Safety Officer*	Graham Thomas
2	Vice-President	Michael Whitaker
3	Secretary & Public Officer*	Andy McKinnon
	Treasurer	Andy McKinnon
	Committee	
4		Joan Alford
5		John Bekkers
6		Cynthia Kirkham
7		Malcolm Kirkham
8		Matthew Pearson
9		Ian Preston
10		Jim Trueman

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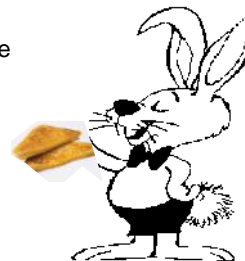
*Public Officer & Safety Officer appointed by the elected committee.

FOOP Inc finances at a glance 2017

<u>As at 31/10/2016</u>	<u>Income and expenses</u>	<u>As at 31/10/2017</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>Balance sheet</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>
\$		\$		ASSETS	
6,491.65	<u>Income</u>	5,164.83		Cash and Bank Accounts	
	<u>Income Total</u>				
	<u>Less: Expenses</u>			32,559.87	Total Cash and Bank Accounts 36,591.33
3374.59	<u>Activities</u>				
1,597.41	<u>Admin</u>	1,099.07		Other Assets	
20.69	Chapel Hill Costs	17.50		Plant and Equipment (less de-prec)	2,348.00
1,933.60	Depreciation	1,778.00	4,189.00		
656.40	<u>Equipment/Maint</u>	1268.81	36,748.87	TOTAL ASSETS	38,939.33
438.00	<u>Grants</u>				
1,075.07	<u>Planting/Spraying</u>	745.92		Less:	
51.00	Subs Payment	60.00		LIABILITIES	
9,146.76	<u>Expenses Total</u>	6,087.07		DPTI Vegetation Offset, TFL tubestock	3,175.00
	Operating Surplus/deficit	-922.24	0.00		
	<u>Grants</u>			Net assets:	35,764.33
	Grants -Income	3,500.00	36,748.87		
	Grant funds expended		36,748.87	Net worth.	35,764.33
	DPTI Vegetation Offset, TFL	325.00			
	Unused Grant funds	3,175.00			
-2,655.11	Surplus for year	2,252.76			

A Classic Rabbit Yarn by Pauline Henderson

A rabbit walks into a pub and says to the barman, 'Can I have a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie?' The barman is amazed but gives the rabbit a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie. The rabbit drinks the beer and eats the toastie, he then leaves.



The following night the rabbit returns and again asks for a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie. The barman, now intrigued by the rabbit and the extra drinkers in the pub (because word gets round) gives the rabbit the pint and the toastie. The rabbit consumes them and leaves.

The next night, the pub is packed, in walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie, please barman.' The crowd is hushed as the barman gives the rabbit his pint and toastie and then burst into applause as the rabbit wolfs them down.

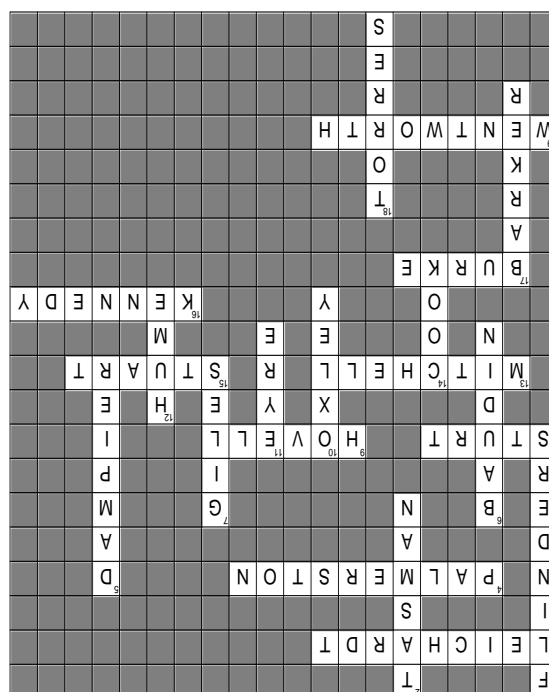
The next night there is standing room only in the pub, coaches have been laid on for the crowds of patrons attending, the barman is making more money in one week than he did all last year. In walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie, please barman, 'smiling and accepting the tributes of the masses. The barman says, 'I'm sorry rabbit, old mate, old mucker but we are right out of them ham and cheese toasties'. The rabbit looks aghast, the crowd has quietened to almost a whisper, when the barman clears his throat nervously and says, 'We do have a very nice Cheese and Onion Toastie.' The rabbit looks him in the eye and says, 'Are you sure I will like it?' The masses bated breath is ear shatteringly silent. The barman, with a roguish smile says, 'Do you think that I would let down one of my best friends, I know you'll love it.' Ok, 'says the rabbit, 'I'll have a pint of beer and a cheese and onion toastie'. The pub erupts with glee as the rabbit quaffs the beer and guzzles the toastie, he then waves to the crowd and leaves.... ..

NEVER TO RETURN

One year later in the now impoverished public house, the barman (who has only served 4 drinks tonight, 3 of which were his) calls time. When he is cleaning down the now empty bar, he sees a small white form, floating above the bar. The barman says, 'Who are you?' To which he is answered, 'I am the ghost of the rabbit that used to frequent your public house.' The barman says, 'I remember you, you made me famous, you would come in every night and have a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie, masses came to see you and this place was famous.' The rabbit says, 'Yes I know.' The barman said, 'I remember, on your last night we didn't have any ham and cheese toasties, you had a cheese and onion one instead.' The rabbit said, 'Yes, you promised me that I would love it'. The barman said, 'You never came back, what happened?' 'I DIED', said the rabbit. 'NO!' said the barman, 'what from?' After a short pause, the rabbit said.....

' Mixin' -me-toasties'

- **Bigger and better**
- **Top Secret**
- **Small Print**
- **Red Herring**
- **Feeling on top of the World**
- **Up to a Point**



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(Financial year 1st November to 31st October)

New members who join after 1st September are covered for the year following.

Please accept my/our new/renewal subscription.

Name(s):.....

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Telephone No......**Mob No.**.....

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Please indicate if you would like to receive notices by email Yes No

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Family Membership **\$15.00**

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Then detach this form and forward with payment to:

The Secretary/Treasurer, Mr A McKinnon, 27 Kym Street, Port Noarlunga South 5167

Payment can also be made to the Treasurer at general meetings held the first Tuesday of the month. (except January) Payment also by *electronic transfer*, details below.

EFT Details:

Account Title: Friends of Onkaparinga Park Inc.

BSB Number: 805-007A/C Number: 00707387 (Credit Union SA)

Reference: Last name, first name, "subs".

Send email to mackins@tpg.com.au to confirm payment.

If you are a **new member** please forward contact details as above.

Andy McKinnon

Secretary/Treasurer

Friends of Onkaparinga Park Inc.

Friends of Parks 31st Forum

14th – 16th September 2018

Theme: Innes! Preserving our Past and Protecting our Future

Venue: Stenhouse Bay Hall, Innes National Park – Stenhouse Bay



Programme

Friday night:

4.30 pm onwards: Registration opens

5.30 pm Welcome to Country and Fire and Smoking ceremony

6pm Light Evening meal

7.30 pm Introduction – Duncan MacKenzie and Minister to open the Forum
Speakers to inform re Innes National Park and its Heritage

Saturday 15th September - 9 am - 4.30pm

Speakers: Rewilding the Yorke Peninsula and Marine Mammals, Friends of Troubridge Island, and Friends of Althorpe Islands

Packed lunch followed by guided tours:

1 pm - 4.30pm Cultural tour and Historic Inneston.

Saturday evening – Stenhouse Bay Hall

6.30 pm for 7pm: Dinner, Presentation of awards, Live music – Amber Poulton

Sunday –

8 am Bacon and Eggs breakfast

9.30- 12.30pm Speaker – Birds of the Southern Yorke Peninsula followed by a Q&A panel discussion.

For your diary now! Cost will be \$125.00 to attend all sessions and enjoy the meals and entertainment provided. In the New Year, registration forms will be available including details of fees and tours, and payment will be sought then.

Accommodation available: Innes National Park – Caravan and Camping – book online, 5kms from the Park – Marion Bay Caravan Park 08 88544094, Marion Bay Motel 08 88544044 and more rental accommodation on line.

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**Note Working B's in the park will be cancelled when there is a Total Fire ban in the MT Loffy Region
All Working B's start at 9:00 am & finish at 11.30am unless otherwise stated.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NP Gate 25– Chapel Hill Weed control <u>Graham 7220 5568</u> Evening Walk 6pm Meet Heron Way Reserve, Hallett Cove	2	3 NP Gate 19 Chapel Hill Road Hardy's Scrub Boneseed removal Michael 8557 7498
4	5	6 NP Gate 29/30 Riparian zone Weed control/Planting <u>Andy 8386 2393</u> General Meeting 7.30pm Old Noarlunga Institute	7	8 NP Gate 25– Chapel Hill Weed control <u>Graham 7220 5568</u> Evening Walk 6pm Meet ORNP Gate 11, Sundews Michael 0438893304	9	10 NP Gate 18 Whittings Road Hardy's Scrub Boneseed removal Michael 8557 7498
11	12	13 NP Gate ?? New Punchbowl Car Park Piggott Range Road Weed control Andy 8386 2393	14	15 NP Gate 25– Chapel Hill Weed control <u>Graham 7220 5568</u> Evening Walk 6pm Meet Kuitpo Forest HQ, Brookman Rd Anne 0438838221	16	17 NP Gate 19 Chapel Hill Road Hardy's Scrub Boneseed removal Michael 8557 7498
18	19	20 NP Gate ?? New Punchbowl Car Park Piggott Range Road Weed control Andy 8386 2393	21	22 NP Gate 25– Chapel Hill Weed control <u>Graham 7220 5568</u> Evening Walk 6pm Meet McLaren Vale VIC Michael 0438893304	23	24 NP Gate 19 Chapel Hill Road Hardy's Scrub Boneseed removal Michael 8557 7498
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4 Clean up day 9:00 am Perrys bend car park. Sausage sizzle at noon.	5	6 NP Gate 20 – Springs Chapel Hill Road Weed control <u>Andy 8386 2393</u> General Meeting 7.30pm Old Noarlunga Institute - "The Aldinga Wash-pool"	7	8 NP Gate 25– Chapel Hill Weed control <u>Graham 7220 5568</u> Evening Walk 6pm Meet Kuitpo Forest HQ Michael 0438893304	9	10 NP Gate 18 Whittings Road Hardy's Scrub Boneseed removal Michael 8557 7498