



Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks

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After a quiet January, giving you time to "chill-out", we're ready to kick into gear again with a few Friends events coming up in the next few weeks. First and foremost is our AGM on Wednesday February 15, to be followed by an open community meeting at which two environmental experts will discuss their work to protect our bettongs and bilbies from predation by feral cats.

Our first group working bee is planned for Thursday February 23 (weather permitting), to tackle the Polygala menace in the Park. Then we have our contribution to Cleanup Australia Day on Sunday March 5, targeting a number of popular visitor spots in the Lincoln National Park. More detail on each of these events follows. Hope you can make it along to one or more of them.

Jim Egan

FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN EP PARKS AGM, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 7.00 PM

Our Annual General Meeting and election of office-bearers will be held at Lincoln Marine Science Centre on Wednesday February 15, commencing at 7.00 pm. **As both our Secretary Vicki Gould and Treasurer Chris Abbott aren't renominating for another year in these roles, we need new nominations for these very crucial committee positions.** I thank Vicki and Chris for their valuable contributions over many years, and hope that others may be motivated to put up their hands to take on these tasks. Please contact me (Jim) to discuss if you are interested in nominating to take on either role or be a general committee member.

OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING RE "SAVING BETTONGS & BILBIES", FOLLOWING AGM ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 8.00 PM START

Two environmental experts will talk about their work in controlling feral animals, feral cats in particular. This forum will be open to all members of the general public, at Lincoln Marine Science Centre, and will be followed by supper. Please invite your colleagues and friends along for what promises to be a most informative session. More information on the attached flyer.

John Read is a well known South Australian ecologist with a PhD in Ecosystem Management. He has written several books and managed the Arid Lands Recovery Project. His particular interest is in applied ecology, including control of feral predators and managing threatened species. His latest project includes the development of a grooming tool to control predators.

Tayla Bowden studied a Bachelor of Science in Animal Behaviour at Flinders University, followed by her Honours on Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats, which brought her on to the west coast. She currently works as a Community Engagement and Sustainable Landscape Officer at Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula. For the last 3 years she has been involved in running trials based at Venus Bay Conservation Park - a 1700 ha peninsula divided from the mainland by a predator proof fence to protect the re-introduced threatened species. However, feral cats still remain inside the fence and these are being targeted with the innovative control trials.

POLYGALA WORKING BEE, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23

Meet at Park entrance at 9.00 am. Bring gloves, sturdy footwear, sun and fly protection, chair, drinking water, lopper or pruner, morning smoko and something for the Friends BBQ for lunch. Working bee will be cancelled if forecast temperature for Port Lincoln is 30 degrees or more.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY, SUNDAY MARCH 5

Sign on at the Park entrance from 9.00 am until 9.30 am. Bring suitable clothing and sun protection plus gloves. A sausage sizzle will be provided at Stamford Beach shelters at 12.30 pm. BYO salads, drinks and your preference of meat if sausages are not your thing.

Call Vicki Gould (8682 2564 or 0475 123 765) if you have a preference to work at one of the locations below, or if you have another favourite site you'd like to work on:

- Horse Rock camping area
- Surfleet Cove beach / camping area
- Fisherman's Point camping area
- Engine Point camping area
- Donington beach (facing Lincoln)
- Donington Beach camping area (behind lighthouse)
- McLaren Point camping area (4WD only).

Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks presents:



Saving Bettongs & Bilbies

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You are invited to attend an entertaining evening talking about the ground breaking work on Eyre Peninsula giving the bilby and bettong a much needed boost and increasing their survival chances. Dr John Read and Tayla Bowden will detail their work on Eyre Peninsula and elsewhere in South Australia to conserve these amazing creatures through predator cat control.

All welcome to attend. Supper provided.

February 15, 2017, 8 p.m.

Lincoln Marine Science Centre
Adelphi Terrace, Port Lincoln

