



## **Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks**

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Our Snake Awareness Workshop on April 20 was a most informative afternoon, made especially lively by the release of a few snakes in the hall. Those members in attendance gained a better understanding and appreciation of snake behaviour, and how to minimise the risk of unfriendly encounters with snakes in the Park. Our thanks to DEWNR for getting Geoff Coombe from Adelaide Snake Catchers over to run the workshop, and to Dyson for arrangements on the day.

The following web-link will take you to advice on what to do in the event of a suspected or confirmed snake bite: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/snake-bites> .

Two working bees planned for the coming month - details over the page. Note the dates in your diary, and I hope to see you at one or other, or even both working bees.

**Jim Egan**

#### **EYRE PENINSULA COMMUNITY FUND GRANT FOR DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE**

We were fortunate to receive a grant of \$1000 from the EP Community Fund for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit, to provide an added measure of safety for our members working in the Park. To add to our good fortune, we were able to purchase a near-new, unused AED for this amount. This will now be an integral part of our first aid and safety kit with us on all group working bees. Our sincere thanks to the EP Community Fund, and we hope it is an investment in safety that we never need to call upon in an emergency.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBS FOR 2017**

Subs for 2017 - still only \$10 per family - are now due. To be eligible for free Park entry, members need to be **both active** (i.e. help out at working bees, maintain walking trail sections, or otherwise assist in Friends activities) **and financial**.

Make cheques out to "Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks" and either post to PO Box 1056 or drop in at the DEWNR office at 86 Tasman Terrace.

Or you can pay by EFT direct to our account at Beyond Bank, using the following details:

BSB: 325-185      Account no: 17069898      Pay to: Friends of Southern EP Parks

**Please note that the BSB and our account number have changed since last year.**

Also remember to include your surname and "subs" in the Reference box, so we can identify who the payment is from.

## **COMING WORKING BEES, SUNDAY APRIL 30 AND SUNDAY MAY 14**

- **Sunday April 30**

Plan is to have another attack on Polygala, with a mix of hand-pulling, cutting and spraying. 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 BBQ if you can stay for lunch.

- **Sunday May 14**

Program will be decided closer to the day - good opening rains prior to then will allow us to make a start on this year's planting program in the Donington Beach enclosure, otherwise we will take on a range of jobs including tree guard removal at Surfleet and Stamford, and Park entrance tidy-up. Details to be confirmed later.