

FOSEPP NEWS



A Word From the President Jim Egan

With the first month of the New Year almost spent, it is time to come out of summer hibernation (can there be such a thing?) and get back out into the Park doing good deeds. Your committee met last week to plan our program for the coming year, kicking off with our first working bee on Thursday February 15 - weather permitting. Details of a range of activities over the next few months are given below - hope you can find something that inspires you to get out there with us and get your hands dirty (or better still, wear gloves).

Busy Bees/Events

WORKING BEE, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

Plan is to fit an extra section of wire netting to the tops of the tree guards around our sheoak plantings at Wanna, to minimise top grazing by 'roos. Meet at the Park entrance at 9 am, wear sturdy footwear and protective clothing, bring gloves, hat, drinking water, sun protection, a seat, morning smoko and something for a BBQ lunch. Working bee will be cancelled if BOM's forecast temperature for Port Lincoln for the day is above 35 degrees.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, SUNDAY MARCH 4

We have once again registered to participate in Clean up Australia Day, by giving the beaches and coastal areas around Lincoln National Park a tidy up. Vicki Gould will be sending out registration details to you all closer to the day, with the opportunity to nominate which area you would like to work on. Mark the date in your diary now. Note that online booking for Park entry will NOT be needed for participants on the day.

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LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK TO FEATURE AS FEBRUARY "PARK OF THE MONTH"

To encourage more of the public to visit and experience the beauty of our National Parks, Lincoln National Park will be featured as DEWNR's "Park of the Month" during February. Ranger Peter Hannon will be running activities at September Beach on Saturday February 3 and 17, from 10 am to 12 noon. These will be catering for children 4+ years of age. We have volunteered to host sausage sizzles to support these events, and any members who would like to lend a hand on either of these days would be most welcome.

BP FUEL CARDS ON THE WAY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the EP Community Foundation, in conjunction with BP and Statoil, we will soon be sending out fuel cards to our volunteers to provide some compensation for their private vehicle use in attending working bees, trail maintenance, etc in the Lincoln National Park during 2017.

EARLY NOTICE - FOSEPP AGM ON MARCH 22

Our AGM has been set down for the evening of Thursday March 22, at the Lincoln Marine Science Centre. Guest speaker will be Peter Wilkins, to provide an entertaining and informative account of some of his travels to remote locations in search of exotic birdlife.

An important part of the business of the meeting is the election of office-bearers for the coming year. It is always good to see a mix of new faces and old hands on the committee, to keep the program of activities fresh and interesting. So if you think you might like to put your hand up for a spot on the incoming committee, give me (Jim) a call (8682 2144) or send an email (jimbogan@internode.on.net).

REMOTE MONITORING CAMERA ON THE JOB IN THE PARK

Our recently purchased remote monitoring camera is now installed out in the Park, to try to capture evidence of Malleefowl. Only kangaroos and birds have been filmed to date! Our thanks to Bob and Di DeLaine for managing this project, with help from Kym Montoya and Ross Kassebaum.

If you are interested in seeing how the camera is set up, the DeLaine's would be happy to have you accompany them on one of their checking trips. Give them a call on 0429 425 411 if you want to tag along.

MAINTAINING FRIENDS EQUIPMENT IN GOOD ORDER

If you borrow an item of our equipment from the shed to use on Park jobs, and you unfortunately have a breakage, please report it to Kym Montoya to organise maintenance or repair. Kym's number is 0417 277 711.

'EYES ON EYRE' COASTAL SURVEY

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula invites participation in its "Eyes on Eyre" coastal survey, which can be completed online at - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJ76P6G> .

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Hooded Plovers on our beaches this summer.

Working Bees for 2018

Committee decided to set dates for regular working bees so that the dates could be fixed in members' diaries for 2018. Regular working bees will be held on the fourth Sunday of odd months and the third Thursday of even months. Extra events will be slotted in as required.

- Saturday February 3:** 'Park of the Month' Activity September Beach 10 am – noon.
- Thursday February 15:** Increasing heights of guards around sheoaks at Wanna.
- Saturday February 17:** 'Park of the Month' at September Beach 10 am – noon.
- Sunday March 4:** 'Clean Up Australia Day'
- Thursday March 22:** AGM 7:30 pm at the Lincoln Marine Science Centre.
- Sunday March 25:** Campground clean up.
- Thursday April 19:** TBA
- Sunday May 27:** Possible planting.
- Thursday June 21:** Possible planting.
- Sunday July 22:** TBA
- Thursday August 16:** TBA
- Sunday September 23:** TBA
- Sunday October 7:** Open Day.
- Thursday October 18:** TBA
- Sunday November 25:** TBA
- Saturday December 1:** Christmas social gathering @ Donington Cottage.

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