



Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks

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March is the month of elections, and we are no exception. Our Annual General Meeting and election of committee for the coming year is on this coming Thursday, March 22, 7.30 PM start, in the Lincoln Marine Science Centre. This is a most important event for FOSEPP, to ensure that we continue to be relevant to members' expectations and provide enthusiastic leadership and fresh ideas for projects in the Lincoln National Park.

After 6 years at the helm, I have decided that it is now time to step aside and hand over the wheel to another. So I urge you to come along to the AGM, have your say on the priorities and direction of our organisation, and maybe even nominate for a committee position (I promise you won't go home as the new President - unless you really want to!).

After our business is done, we will be both entertained and enlightened by our resident expert twitcher Peter Wilkins talking about his African bird safari. Kat Pobke will provide the support act, with a short presentation on Citizen Science, to inform you on what it is and how you can be involved.

But if all of the above is still not enough to get you out of the armchair on Thursday night, then maybe the supper at the conclusion of the evening's proceedings is an offer too good to refuse.

Whatever, I hope to see you there. And if you bring \$10, you can pay your 2018 family membership fee there and then. Further AGM details are given below.

Jim Egan

WELCOME TO NEW PARKS RANGER, KYLE WATTERS - FAREWELL DYSON

Kyle has recently returned to Port Lincoln to take up the role of Ranger for Lincoln National Park, and Liaison Ranger for FOSEPP, replacing Dyson Taverner. Kyle has hit the ground running, with early work on the perennial Polygala problem and a grant submission for further revegetation work at Wanna Flats. Welcome Kyle, and we look forward to working with you on these and other issues over the coming years.

We thank Dyson for his support for Friends activities over the past few years, and wish him well in his new career pathways of father and firey.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, IN LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK, SUNDAY MARCH 4

A good muster of 46 volunteers rolled up to our working bee in the Park, as part of the national Clean up Australia Day campaign. Many thanks to Vicki Gould for coordinating this. Unfortunately, the major issue these days seems to be toilet paper around camping areas. As Vicki reported: *"On the whole the camping areas were exceptionally visitor-friendly with very little rubbish left lying around, with the exception of toilet tissues"*.

DISPLAY PARKS PASS WHILE WORKING IN THE PARK

If you are working on your own in the Park, e.g. on trail maintenance, please remember to display your pass (Gold pass or 2018 green pass) clearly on the dashboard of your parked vehicle. Rangers will be on the lookout for these, as evidence of your legitimate Park entry, in lieu of online registration.

AGM, THURSDAY MARCH 22, LINCOLN MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE, 7.30 PM START

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).

Once our business is out the way, our guest speakers Kat Pobke (Citizen Science) and Peter Wilkins (African Bird Safari) will inform and entertain.

Supper, with tea and coffee, will be provided at the conclusion of the evening. As mentioned above, your membership fee of \$10 per family for 2018 can be paid at the AGM to Treasurer Garry. We will also be looking to update members' important medical information, so that we can respond to health issues that may arise while working in the Park.

WORKING BEE, SUNDAY MARCH 25

This will continue the work started in February, to fit an extra section of wire netting to the tops of the tree guards around our sheoak plantings on the Wanna Flats, to restrict grazing by 'roos. This is a relatively easy task, so don't be deterred from coming along and lending a hand.

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.

BP FUEL CARDS ON THE WAY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

After a short delay, our BP fuel cards have arrived. Thanks to the EP Community Foundation, in conjunction with BP and Statoil, these will be distributed 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. They will be available for collection at the AGM and the March 25 working bee.

ADVANCE NOTICE - APRIL WORKING BEE

As per our schedule of regular working bees on the 4th Sunday of odd months and the 3rd Thursday of even months, our April working bee will be on **Thursday April 19**. Program for the day will be determined by weather conditions over the next few weeks, and advised in the next newsletter.