

# FOSEPP NEWS in Brief



## New President & Committee Member

After six years, Jim Egan has stepped down as President and Bob DeLaine has taken up the position. Thank you, Jim, for your efforts these past years. We are not losing Jim thankfully. He now holds the position of Vice-President and Secretary/Grants Officer, so he will continue to serve members as a valuable committee member. Congratulations to Bob. We have another new member on the committee, Graham Cowley, congratulations and welcome Graham.

## Busy Bees/Events

### APRIL

#### Thursday April 19 Tree Guard Fitting/Extending Wanna

Meet at the entrance station at 9am. Bring gloves and closed shoes. BBQ will be available for lunch if you want to bring your own meat.

### MAY

#### Sunday May 27 Tree Planting Wanna and Campgrounds

Our tree seedlings are ready to be planted. Let's hope we get rain before this date!

### FORUMS

#### National Malleefowl Forum 2018

SIXTH NATIONAL MALLEEFOWL FORUM, Mildura, Victoria, 17– 20 August 2018. To register, and for more information go to:

<http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au/forums/national-malleefowl-forum-2018.html>



Friends Forum, Innes National Park, September 14-16

<http://www.friendsofparossa.org.au/fop-forum>

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Hoodie chick seen at September Beach



DEW fire crew photo of most recent Malleefowl sighting

## Wildlife Watch

Ongoing **Hooded Plover** monitoring has paid off. A juvenile Hooded Plover (*Thinornis rubricollis*) was photographed by dedicated local friend's volunteers Jan and Barry Hetherington who have been monitoring September Beach and Yachties Beach for several years.

It's likely this young Hooded Plover came from the nesting pair at September Beach. It's a remarkable outcome because of the popularity of this beach. This is the first known chick to successfully fledge here that we are aware of. We know less than three in 100 eggs survive to this early chick stage. See <http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/eyrepeninsula/news/180214-hooded-plover-september>

**Malleefowl** were thought to be extinct in Lincoln National Park since the '70's.

We are excited! Why?

A number of reliable sightings of Malleefowl have been reported in Lincoln National Park this year, including some great photos. Most sightings have occurred along the main bitumen road between Woodcutters and Taylors Road intersections.

Thanks to the DEW fire crew for this photo taken on March 26, 2017.

Please drive carefully in our park, these birds are not road savvy and vulnerable to cars, so need all the help they can get.

Please report any sightings in Lincoln National Park to <http://epmalleefowl.com.au/>

## New Liaison Ranger

Welcome to Kyle Watters, our new Liaison Ranger. Kyle first came to Eyre Peninsula as a graduate ranger. He has returned, successfully winning a ranger position after Dyson Taverner left. Kyle is keen to stay in the region long term.

## Membership Subscriptions Due

This year's membership fees are now due. The best way to pay your subscription is via electronic transfer. To pay by cheque, send it via our postal address. The cost is still \$10 per family/individual.

**BSB 325-185**

**Account No: 01902299**

Remember to reference with your surname and include 'subs' e.g. 'Smith-subs' so Garry, our Treasurer, knows.

## Have You Seen These Weeds?

Keep an eye out for three 'new' weeds, one of which has been recorded in Lincoln National Park. Please report sightings to Ranger Kyle 8688 3111 or the DEW office on Tasman Terrace.

### Globe chamomile (*Oncosiphon piluliferum*)

Found 2012 on Bore Track at the entrance to Lincoln National Park. About 10 plants were found and were controlled at the time. Keep an eye out for new seedlings.



For more information on this plant go to:

[http://southwestdesertflora.com/WebsiteFolders/All\\_Species/Asteraceae/Oncosiphon\\_piluliferum.html](http://southwestdesertflora.com/WebsiteFolders/All_Species/Asteraceae/Oncosiphon_piluliferum.html)

### Crownbeard (*Verbesina encelioides*)

Native to North America.

Summer-growing annual (or short-lived perennial) to 1 metre in height.



For more information on this plant go to:

[https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/Profiles/cgg/Assets/ClientData/Document-Centre/Infrastructure/2016\\_Verbesina\\_encelioides\\_golden\\_crownbeard.pdf](https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/Profiles/cgg/Assets/ClientData/Document-Centre/Infrastructure/2016_Verbesina_encelioides_golden_crownbeard.pdf)

### Crofton weed, catspaw (*Ageratina adenophora*)

Native to from Mexico

Crofton weed is a rapid-spreading weed that is poisonous to horses and can tolerate shade so can invade roadsides, National Parks and cleared land.



For more information on this plant go to:

<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Details/47>

## Tree Guards Extended to Help Sheoaks Survive Grazing

Sheoaks are like chocolate to the herbivore world! Kangaroos love eating sheoaks and are giving our seedlings a hard time. Sheoaks planted at Wanna, in Lincoln National Park, are being continually pruned, and tree guards damaged..... that is until now.

To save the planted sheoaks from kangaroo grazing, 14 friends enlarged 100 tree guards on Sunday. The guards are now almost twice as high, keeping the sheoaks out of reach of the hungry 'roos. There are still more sheoaks needing protection and this will be an activity of another working bee soon.

The group finished the morning with a very pleasant and social BBQ lunch.



## Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks

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## Citizen Science Update

At our recent AGM Kat Pobke gave us an informative overview of the many citizen science projects happening right here on Eyre Peninsula.

Many of our friend's projects fall into the 'Citizen Science' category, such as monitoring shorebirds, mapping weeds, reporting sightings of critters, just to name a few....

For an overview go to:

EP DEW website:

<http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/eyrepeninsula/get-involved/citizen-science>

To report wildlife sightings:

Bushland Birds [www.epnirds.com.au](http://www.epnirds.com.au)

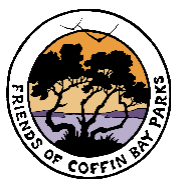
350 monitoring sites; 200 volunteers, 10,000+ sightings

Malleefowl [www.epmalleefowl.com.au](http://www.epmalleefowl.com.au)

Annual grid surveys at six sites Sept/October

Goannas [www.epgoannas.com.au](http://www.epgoannas.com.au)

**PixStix:** New! A photopoint monitoring project involving members of the public.



## FRIENDS OF COFFIN BAY WORKING BEES

FOSEPP Members are welcome to attend any of the working bees in Coffin Bay held by the local Friends Group there. The group would love a helping hand and to see some new faces.

Contact Bernadette via email on: [dettes46@bigpond.com](mailto:dettes46@bigpond.com) or phone her on 0438 805 520.

The group usually meets at 8.30 am by the Coffin Bay shed near the Ranger's House.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Weeding and Removal of Tree Guards at Yangie Bay Campground**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Revegetation at Yangie Bay Campground**

Cuttings of *Carpobrotus* will be collected and planted.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Revegetation at Little/Big Turf Waterhole**

Tube stock and transport etc supplied by Ranger Sam.