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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On the 18th September 2018, David Speirs MP, the Minister for Environment and Water (DEW) announced the appointment of John Schutz as the new Chief Executive of DEW. John had previously been the Group Executive Director for the Parks and Regions group within DEW.

John is currently a Board member of FOP and continues to be a strong supporter of our organisation. We congratulate John on his appointment and look forward to a strengthening of our partnership with DEW, so that we can continue to deliver improved environmental outcomes for South Australia.

2018 / 2019 Volunteer Support Grants - The Department continues to support the important work undertaken by many Friends groups across South Australia by contributing \$60,000 toward on-park projects. For the 2018/2019 grants, the Department is providing the funds directly to the Friends of Parks Inc. Board and supporting the Board to administer a simplified grant application process. Due to the timing, we're letting groups know now so you can develop your project proposals over the summer break and submit applications by Friday, 22 February, 2019, so that projects can be assessed and monies distributed early in the year. Successful applicants will have 18 months to complete their projects.

Project information including the application form and Frequently asked questions will be sent out to groups, and will also be available on the Friends of Parks website.

2018 has been a rewarding year for the Friends of Parks (FOP) and one of the most pleasing aspects has been the number of new groups that are applying either for full membership, or as an affiliate. At our October Board meeting,

we approved two new groups and there are a further five groups from whom we are waiting completed applications.

On the 16th October 2019 Flinders Chase (KI) will celebrate 100 years of nature preservation, 100 years of volunteering and 100 years of caring for the environment. Committees are already in place to organise celebrations throughout 2019, culminating in a large range of free community activities from the 8th – 16th October 2019. A key element of parks and reserves such as Flinders Chase National Park, is the role that volunteers play in maintaining the parks alongside parks staff. The "Friends of Parks" groups on KI are an integral part of the organising committees that are helping to host and run the 2019 activities.

Can I suggest that you might consider heading over to KI next year for a holiday during October and that it would be a good idea to make your Island bookings now.

Mid September saw over 150 FOP members head off to 'paradise' – Innes National Park - for the 31st FOP Forum.

The Forum was the result of two years planning by the Friends of Innes National Park and DEW Northern and Yorke staff, with support from the Friends of Troubridge Island and the Friends of Althorpe Island – in all, a superbly coordinated team that produced an event that will long be remembered.

Innes National Park Ranger in Charge, Mark Davison, headed up the organising committee and stated that this year's Forum not only showcased the natural beauty of Innes National Park, but also highlighted the culture, history and biodiversity of both the Park and the southern Yorke Peninsula. We were lucky in that the vegetation was in full flower, and that helped produce an abundance of birds whose presence added to the overall atmosphere of the Forum.

There was an impressive range of speakers and subjects, the venue was excellent (we had all meals in a large weather-proof marquee) and the weather was such that the various field trips were very much enjoyed.

We are now seeking 'expressions of interest' for the 2020 Forum.

We have recently conducted three very successful 'President's Workshops' concerning the FOP 'Three Year Business Plan' and I would like to thank Ian Radbone (VSPU) for facilitating these conversations with members and putting the various elements together into some sort of plan. The draft business plan is on the website now, and has been circulated for comment by the end of February. The Board business plan will be tabled at next year's AGM.

A key element in the 'new' plan concerns the 'Marketing and Promotions Program' and John Schutz has offered the full support of DEW in developing this program further, as it is important that the Board continues to promote the Friends of Parks brand.

Unfortunately our website platform provider – Adobe – is 'pulling the plug' on hosting websites, so we have until 2021 to develop a new website that will provide a high degree of 'service' to our member groups. Our existing website will remain functional until 2021.

One highly important element in our planning for the future, concerns our ability to increase our membership, including the long-term sustainability of all member groups. The Board is exploring various ways of bringing in younger members of the community through such initiatives as expanding the Board sponsored Educational Scholarships, expanding our social media presence, the Board sponsoring citizen science projects that are exciting and interesting and offer opportunities for the wider community to become involved.

It is up to each group to look at how they can achieve an expansion of their membership and your Board will do everything within its power to help you achieve that goal.

The FOP Board has already moved towards strengthening its' membership by appointing high school student Lauren Heddle – a member of the Friends of Belair National Park, to the Board. We are hoping there is a possibility of a University student being co-opted to the Board in the near future. Both of these students are extremely active in environmental volunteer work and both have skills that will prove very beneficial to the Board and to the organisation generally. A balance of youth and experience is ideally what the Board is attempting to acquire moving into the future.

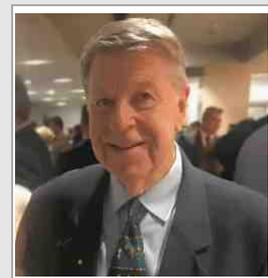
At the 2018 National Landcare Conference (held in Brisbane during October) Gluepot Reserve was announced as the national winner - from amongst nine finalists - of the 'Fairfax Media Landcare Group Award'. Of the nine categories in the awards, SA groups won three. Gluepot was also a finalist in the 2018 SA Climate Leaders Awards.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for their tireless work for and in our State's national parks over the past year - an incredible achievement as always from this community organisation. I wish all the members, families and friends, the very best for Christmas, and may the New Year bring you exciting and happy times.

My 'crystal ball' tells me that the FOP's are in for an even better year in 2019, and personally, I can't wait to get stuck into the many challenges that I see on the horizon.



Duncan MacKenzie OAM  
President  
FRIENDS OF PARKS INC.



## New Friends of Parks Inc. Member Groups

We welcome the following new member groups to Friends of Parks Inc., and trust that your involvement with Friends of Parks will be long and mutually beneficial.

Seeding Natives Inc.  
Friends of Reevesby Island Conservation Park  
Friends of Martins Well  
Legion of Frontiersmen Cadet Corps  
Friends of Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park

This is a new feature of the eNews. Editor

## The eNews

A practice that we'd like you to adopt for the eNews is for you to send in articles of your own on subjects that you think will be of interest to the wider Friends community (6000+ of us! ... and please don't wait to be asked), rather than group-specific information such as working bee timetables that you put in your group newsletter for information of just your own group. We will continue to draw on your group's newsletter sent to Friends of Parks Inc. Secretary, Pam Smith in the VSPU, as a major source of information for eNews.

## Items from our member groups newsletters, supplied literature and information

### Biodiversity In The Heart Of The City

– Adelaide Parklands Fauna Survey Update 06 July

[Posted at 19:14h in Adelaide Parklands, News by Bryan Haywood of the Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT), and appearing in the NGT Newsletter #34: July 2018]

The following words are taken from the NGT report by Bryan Haywood (which includes many attractive photographs not all included here. Click [here](#) to access the report).

" In March 2017, Nature Glenelg Trust were engaged by the Adelaide City Council to conduct a fauna survey at the Victoria Park grassland – a two hectare area in the Adelaide Parklands set aside for conservation. This short-term survey was undertaken from 27-30 March 2017. The fauna survey targeted birds, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates, including the Grassland (or Chequered) Copper butterfly (*Lucia limbaria*), first recorded at the site in 2011.

A subsequent survey was then commissioned over a broader area of the Adelaide Parklands for spring 2017 to autumn 2018. A total of nine sites were chosen by Adelaide City Council to reflect the broad range of habitats and extent of the Parklands surrounding the central business district.

Over 155 species from five vertebrate and three invertebrate classes were identified during the survey. Four mammals, two introduced fish, ninety invertebrates, forty-nine birds, one amphibian and five reptile species were observed and identified across the 10 days of surveys from spring 2017 to autumn 2018. Encouragingly, two threatened species were observed, they were the Eastern Water Skink (*Eulamprus quoyii*) and Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*). A further 98+ species were recorded (but unable to be identified to species) in two vertebrate and three invertebrate classes.

Highlights include:

The Gold-fronted River Damsel (*Pseudagrion aureofrons*) and Orange Threadtail (*Nososticta solida*) were only observed along the River Torrens in Park 27. For both damselflies this observation represents the most western record either in Australia and/or in SA, and is also a new river system for them in SA. The flight period, for the Gold-fronted River damsel can be confirmed to be from November to April in SA. "

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### How The Afghan Cameleers Shaped Our State

[From a summary appearing in BCSA's always excellent newsletter, in its August 2018 edition, describing the BCSA\* Public Talk series, 4 September 2018 session, presented by Pamela Rajkowski OAM]



In the 1980s while full-time secondary teaching, Pamela Rajkowski travelled around Australia researching and interviewing the history and families of the "Afghan" cameleers of Australia. Collaborating with descendants, government and community groups she organised two national festivals at Marree and Port Pirie to celebrate their history.

Pamela's first book "In the Tracks of the Camelmens" was published in 1987 and she has written three other books since then. In 2009 she was awarded an Order of Australia medal for her services to research and community as a historian of the Afghan cameleers. She has appeared in national and international television, was a consultant in 2004–7 for the SA Museum and two national Australian documentaries, and has been interviewed by national and international radio presenters. She has given many talks on the Australian Afghan cameleers, on various themes, from 2000–2018.

She introduced the Guided walk, "Afghan herbalists and cameleers community of s-w Adelaide" in 2015, was commissioned in 2017 to produce an Afghan cameleers exhibition for the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, and in 2018 was nominated SA Historian of the Year.

Talk summary:

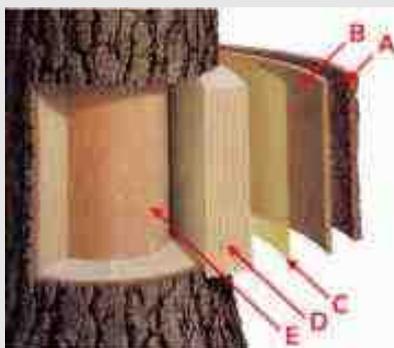
The innovation of importing camels from north-west India and Afghanistan to the 30 year old struggling colony of SA guaranteed its future. As working and domesticated [bred] dromedaries they supported pastoralism, mining and other national projects and their pattern of colonial and cross-continent tracks helped map the arid interior of this continent. They provided SA and beyond with a reliable transport infrastructure from the 1870s -1920s that it had not yet had. They established the SA colony's progress and Australia's global trade. Rail, motor transport and air services eradicated the demand for them as haulers by the 1920s and many were set free. Today, several innovative ideas are being considered to see how the many thousands running wild and threatening our native ecosystems can be useful in shaping our economy once again.

\* BCSA - Butterfly Conservation SA

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## Anatomy of a Tree - The Inside Story

[Courtesy of the Arbor Day Foundation]



A. The outer bark is the tree's protection from the outside world. Continually renewed from within, it helps keep out moisture in the rain, and prevents the tree from losing moisture when the air is dry. It insulates against cold and heat and wards off insect enemies.

B. The inner bark, or "phloem", is pipeline through which food is passed to the rest of the tree. It lives for only a short time, then dies and turns to cork to become part of the protective outer bark.

C. The cambium cell layer is the growing part of the trunk. It annually produces new bark and new wood in response to hormones that pass down through the phloem with food from the leaves. These hormones, called "auxins", stimulate growth in cells. Auxins are produced by leaf buds at the ends of branches as soon as they start growing in spring.

D. Sapwood is the tree's pipeline for water moving up to the leaves. Sapwood is new wood. As newer rings of sapwood are laid down, inner cells lose their vitality and turn to heartwood.

E. Heartwood is the central, supporting pillar of the tree. Although dead, it will not decay or lose strength while the outer layers are intact. A composite of hollow, needlelike cellulose fibres bound together by a chemical glue called lignin, it is in many ways as strong as steel. A piece 12" long and 1" by 2" in cross section set vertically can support a weight of twenty tons!

[Added note] Consider the anatomy of a tree when you are administering poison. With an olive tree you have 20 seconds to get the poison to the cut before it spreads a colourless fluid to close the cut. With any tree there is no point in putting poison on the heartwood but from A to D it will be effective we hope.

The foregoing information (re-arranged from the original) comes from the Friends of Onkaparinga Parks newsletter of July 2018, and is evidently an extract from material promulgated by the USA [Arbor Day Foundation](#), with an appended note (see italics) superimposed by some (unidentified) editor. If this item sparks a wish to know more, a comprehensive treatment of tree biology in the form of a student hand-out is to be found via the Foundation's website at <https://www.arborday.org/celebrate/documents/poster-contest/2008.pdf> (28 pages).

An interesting further treatment on the subject of wood is provided by the [Friends of Belair NP September 2018 newsletter](#), pages 4 & 5 titled "What is Wood?" (and as you scroll down to these pages, pause a moment on the glorious wattle pictures on page 3).

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## How to attract bandicoots to your backyard

[from the Good Living blog of 13 July 2018]

What an intriguing thought! Your editor suspects that most of us will quickly realise the impracticability of the proposition, but feels, even so, the following information (a much pruned subset of the [above-noted source Good Living article](#)) is of intrinsic interest. So perhaps read on ....



Crafer's resident in his backyard with a southern brown bandicoot

Live in the Adelaide Hills and wouldn't mind a visit from a bandicoot? Here's how you can encourage them to pop in.

There were once eight bandicoot species in South Australia, but the southern brown bandicoot is now the only one remaining. Spotting these rat doppelgangers is extremely rare because they are endangered. The good news is, the southern brown bandicoot is making a comeback in the Adelaide Hills – they've been spotted in Kuitpo Forest and more recently in a backyard in Crafer's.

If you wouldn't mind a bandicoot as a tenant in your backyard, here's some things to consider to make your backyard as attractive as possible.

They like a lot of room. It's important to remember that one bandicoot needs a lot of room – up to 6 hectares. That's one of the reasons why these guys are in trouble because there is simply not enough habitat to support groups of them.

Don't let that put you off though – making your backyard bandicoot-friendly could contribute to the bigger picture – the key is to think about how your backyard connects to your neighbours and nearby parks.

They like diverse habitat. The main habitat types that bandicoots are found in are stringybark eucalypt forests and woodlands with dense shrubs and understorey that offer protection from predators. This means less trees, and more plants up to 3 metres high.

When it comes to a potential pad, bandicoots like diversity. They're usually found in places where the understorey – think plants no higher than 1m – is made up of up to seven different plant species for every square metre. To put that into perspective, for every tree there's generally 500 understorey plants. Don't worry though, you don't need to fit 500 plants in your yard to make a difference.

Some bandicoot-approved understorey plants are the bearded heath (*Leucopogon concurvus*), common fat-pea (*Platylobium obtusangulum*), wire rapier-sedge (*Lepidosperma semiteres*), silky Guinea-flower (*Hibbertia sericea*) and shrub violet (*Hybanthus floribundus*).

Fun facts: these 'ecosystem engineers' excel at digging which is great for your backyard's soil health. Also, bandicoot poo is also very good for soil health and trees and can also reduce the risk of fire.

Bigger isn't necessarily better. Shrubs – plants between 1m and 3m high – are just as important as your understorey plants. And it's important to remember they don't need to be big and bushy. A few good options to consider are heath wattle (*Acacia myrtifolia*), silver banksia (*Banksia marginata*), large-leaved bush-pea (*Pultenaea daphnoides*), yacca (*Xanthorrhoea semiplana*) or hakea (*Hakea carinata*).

Make sure you research what species would best fit your garden. Consider the height, width, root depth and spread.

Keep in mind that some of these plants aren't that easy to grow and are a little hard to find, so you might need to look around for a nursery that will provide them. State Flora is a great place to start. Transforming your garden to a native wonderland won't just benefit wildlife either – native plants generally need less water, less fertiliser and less looking after in general.

They're OK with messy housemates. Not the neatest person on the block? You don't need to keep your garden neat and tidy to entice bandicoots. In fact, a good bandicoot habitat generally has dead plants and fallen branches to provide protection for these furry marsupials.

They aren't going to be best friends with your cat. Keep in mind that 'Mittens', 'Simba' or 'Tigger' are a threat to any bandicoot that comes into your backyard – and it's best to keep your cat indoors to keep your wildlife visitors safe.

Other things to keep in mind. If you're lucky enough to live on a property with a decent patch of scrub, maintaining that potential bandicoot habitat is the best thing you can do.

Bandicoots become vulnerable when the understorey is opened up, so reducing grazing pressure (if you have stock) can help keep them safe. Plus, it might even allow native plants to naturally regenerate.

If you spot one in your area, contact our [threatened wildlife team](#) to help inform them about new sightings of this endangered species.

If you're interested in attending a Backyards for Bandicoots workshop, keep an eye on the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board [Facebook page](#) or the [events tab on their website](#). You can also join the [Bandicoot Recovery Action Group](#) to help with conservation efforts.

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## Restoration work injects new life into heritage buildings

[reported in Northern & Yorke's YAKKA newsletter of 22 October 2018, and [website](#)]

Volunteers from the Friends of Burra Parks and staff from Natural Resources Northern and Yorke recently took part in the annual working bee at Bimbowrie Conservation Park, in the Olary Ranges within the north-eastern pastoral district.



19 volunteers from the Friends of Burra Parks and staff from Natural Resources Northern and Yorke who worked on restoration works at Bimbowrie Conservation Park

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Landscape Ranger Darrin Bennett said that since the beginning of the project, the two groups have completed significant restoration work on historic buildings dotted across Bimbowrie Conservation Park, including the old coach house, horse stables, Cobb & Co. Post Office, Mawson's Hut and Antro Woolshed.

"The recent working bee built on previous achievements by the group, this year concentrating on the Antro shearer's quarters and woolshed," Mr Bennett said.

"The group of 19 people split into three teams, with one working in the original shearer's kitchen, chipping away the old concrete-based mortar, re-stabilising the original stone work and then repointing with a lime-based mortar.

"The second concentrated their efforts on restoring the original furniture, sanding and restoring benchtops, tables and window frames, while the third worked in the woolshed, diligently varnishing the window frames that were restored at the working bee in 2017."

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Ranger in Charge at Bimbowrie Conservation Park, Peter Watkins, said the work undertaken by the Friends of Burra Parks, both within the Northern and Yorke region and across the state, is impressive.

"The group is comprised of people with a wide range of skills and backgrounds, who are all willing and able to share their expertise and experience at these working bees," Mr Watkins said.

"A number of the Friends of Burra Parks members have been trained in traditional artisan stone masonry techniques which helps immensely with these ongoing restoration programs."

Mr Bennett said the remarkable restoration work completed over the years will ensure that the historic buildings will last for many generations to come.

"The wonderful relationships between Friends of Burra Parks members and Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff further strengthen at these annual working bees," Mr Bennett said.

"The shared sense of achievement that we all feel at the end of an industrious six days helps to solidify our relationships, and inspires us to return each year to continue to breathe new life into these beautiful heritage buildings."

For information about the Friends of Burra Parks group and volunteer opportunities in the Northern and Yorke region, contact the Communications Coordinator [Jessica.Henderson](#) at Natural Resources Centre, Clare, on 8841 3400.

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### Corporate volunteering benefits

[from Sedge Snippet's Volunteer News of September 2018]

[Corporate volunteering](#) can provide your organisation with the opportunity to foster team building and wellbeing, develop skills, offer new experiences and give back to the community.

Organising for a corporate team to volunteer with your community group can provide a substantial boost to your project and natural resource management outcomes. It is a great opportunity to educate a group of individuals about the remarkable work your group achieves and help foster new community advocates. This collaboration can not only maximise the environmental outcomes of your project but also provides social and health benefits for all involved.

Volunteering SA&NT Business Engagement Manager [Mike Feszczak](#) can assist with matching volunteering opportunities to organisations free of charge.

If you think corporate volunteering could be beneficial for your volunteer group and would like some help finding an opportunity that is well aligned, [email](#) or call 8225 9309.

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### SA's new-look environment report cards

[from DEW's Weekly newsletter of 3 October 2018]

Last week Minister Speirs announced the release of South Australia's 41 environment [report cards](#). The report cards draw on more than 30 years of data to provide the most complete picture of the state's natural resources.



DEW staff marine monitoring at St Francis Island Sanctuary Zone in Nuyts Archipelago Marine Park

The report cards rate the state's climate, rivers and streams (including the River Murray), land, coast and marine environment, as well as air quality.

South Australia has well managed water including the River Murray, but faces challenges with biodiversity loss and the changing climate.

The report cards show clear trends for South Australia's climate, with temperatures increasing, winter rainfall decreasing in the state's south, and declines in water flowing in our rivers and streams. But, there are also some encouraging trends, such as halting the decline of wetlands along the River Murray, which are showing signs of improvement thanks to good rainfall as well as water delivered under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

For a copy of the report cards visit [Enviro Data SA](#).

The information will underpin South Australia's [State of the Environment Report](#), which is released every five years by the [Environment Protection Authority](#). The next one is due for release later this year.

The project was led by the department with endorsement from EPA, Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, Bureau of Meteorology and SA Health, as well as consultation with Natural Resources Management Board Presiding Members, South Australia's Native Vegetation Council, and the Conservation Council of SA.

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### Floral update of Discover the Flinders Ranges app

[contents of email message of 10 September to VSPU from Bob Geary, Project Manager, Discover the Flinders Ranges [Friends of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Inc](#) | [FIFRNP@gmail.com](mailto:FIFRNP@gmail.com) | m: +61(0)438 827 234 | fb: [Facebook](#)]

" As you may be aware, the Friends of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Inc. (FIFRNP) last November launched a highly successful, local and international tourism app [Discover the Flinders Ranges](#) which explores the cultural heritage and natural history of the Park, with photos, audio, interactive maps and geo-linked visitor tours. This free app has now been downloaded by over 1500 tourists and has won several Awards.

We have now added, Flora of the Central Flinders Ranges, which is a photographic guide to almost 150 of the most common plants in the central Flinders Ranges, between Quorn and Blinman, with an emphasis upon the National Park. The app relies upon almost 600 verified, close-up photos, sorted by colour, so that even non-botanists can identify the plants.

You might like to download the app [Discover the Flinders Ranges](#)



Further note from Bob Geary regarding the Old Wilpena Station Tour

" Ever wanted to learn more about the early pastoralists who settled in the Flinders Ranges almost 170 years ago? Old Wilpena Station, located in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, is one of the most significant pastoral sites in South Australia, with some of the most stunning scenery and a large number of well-preserved buildings.

Although the DEW's self-guided Interpretive Trail souvenir booklet on the Old Wilpena Station is no longer available, we have just added its content in our Award-winning Discover the Flinders Ranges app. This Station tour has almost 90 historical and current photos, extensive historical records, narration and interactive maps.

Other high quality tours such as Appealinna Ruins, Aroona Valley, Brachina Gorge, Bunyeroo Valley, Wilpena Pound, and floral and bird guides, are also included in the app. "

... and if your interests are more towards bushwalking in the Flinders Ranges....

Note that an app - Flinders Ranges Walks (likewise available free from App Store or Google Play) has been created by the Friends of Parks Walking Trails Support Group - provides a wealth of information on any of 16 well signed walks, that can be invoked while traversing the walk of choice, and is a rich complement to the Discover the Flinders Ranges app. Editor.

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### Friends of Parks 2019 Educational Scholarships

[from email of 24 August sent out by VSPU]

In honour of their enormous commitment and passion to South Australian parks and preserving the parks biodiversity, the Friends of Parks Board, in partnership with DEW, have created two educational scholarships in memory of two amazing individuals - Colin Malcolm who was President of the Friends of Onkaparinga National Park for over 30 years, and Tom Hands who was President of Friends of Scott Creek National Park for over 25 years.

#### Aim of these Scholarships

To engage primary school, area school, high school students in on-park /off-park environmental activities by providing financial support through a collaborative learning process with a local Friends of Parks group.

The regional /local /area school focus of the scholarships offers many tangible benefits

- It taps into and utilises existing regional /community networks through the school communities.
- It engages young people in becoming involved and interested in conservation through involvement with national parks.
- The financial assistance through the awarding of a scholarship \$\$, is an attractive incentive for schools to conduct class studies /activities involving parks. It would be the schools through their own class/school curricula that would program national parks as part of their learning outcomes, using the scholarship money for support (for e.g. bus trips, planting /potting equipment, shade cloth etc)
- It involves Friends of Parks groups working with children/youth on park (or about parks), through existing school structures and policies.

#### Criteria

- reflect broad environmental /conservation learning outcomes
- reflect school-based curriculum priorities
- involve schools and students to work collaboratively with a regional Friends of Parks group

- report learning outcomes to their partnering Friends of Parks group.

### Methodology

- This scholarship is an annually targeted program which focuses on relationship building between regional Friends of Parks groups and their local community
- Those regional Friend of Parks groups who are interested in becoming involved in the program will approach and work with their local school community in exploring ideas for activities etc. This may mean working with parents, teachers, SSO's, principals etc
- In collaboration with school(s), Friends of Parks groups will assist in completing an application form and submitting it to the Friends of Parks Board for assessment
- 2x cheques for \$2.5K each will be presented to the successful applicants (i.e. schools) which will enable them to undertake their proposed activity(s)
- A final 'report' (in whatever format the school chooses) is made to their partnering Friends of Parks group and (either directly or indirectly) to the Friends of Parks Board on completion of their activity(s)
- The school can take up to two school calendar years to complete the activity/project.

### Enquiries

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### Fort Glanville volunteers celebrate 37 years

[information from email of 4 July 2018 to VSPU]

The Fort Glanville Historical Association celebrated its 37th anniversary June with a dinner for 50 people, including several volunteers who have been members of the association since it was founded in 1980.



City of Port Adelaide Enfield Mayor Gary Johanson, FGHA President Russell Sheldrick, City of Charles Sturt Mayor Angela Evans, original member and President 1987–96 First Sergeant Derek Baker, President 1981–87 Michael Lockley, President Semaphore Port Adelaide RSL Colin Johns. (Photo by Pam Smith)

For a more details of this celebration visit DEW's [Weekly staff newsletter page](#). As quoted at the conclusion of this source:

" Fort Glanville Conservation Park represents a significant period in South Australia's European colonial history. The fort is one of the most complete nineteenth-century colonial forts in Australia and remains largely unaltered since it was built in 1880 to boost Australia's defence strategy.

Visitors are treated to full historical re-enactments by members of the Fort Glanville Association, including military drills and cannon and rifle firing. "

The Fort Glanville Historical Association was the first Friends group in what is now Friends of Parks Inc. The loyal members of the group, over its 37 years, have worked diligently on restoration of buildings and historical military equipment, raising funds estimated to be near \$1 million to achieve this, and on research to enable them to portray themselves with best historical accuracy.

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## There is hope for Granite Island's Little Penguins [from Sedge Snippet eNewsletter of November 2018]

Friends of Granite Island volunteers helped with the annual Penguin Census in September, which found 44 adult Little Penguins nesting on the island, giving hope to the colony's future.



2018 Penguin Census Volunteers (photo not attributed)

The Little Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*) is the smallest species of penguin in the world, with an average height of just 33 centimetres. They are found only on the southern coastlines of Australia and New Zealand.

The AMLR Coast and Marine Program has been funding and supporting projects to protect the penguins since 2006 and has engaged penguin ecologists since 2011.

The recent count of 44 is the first considerable increase recorded in recent times, with counts averaging 25 since 2012, with only 28 counted just last year.

Conservation actions are based on a [scientific report into Little Penguin populations in the region](#). Some of these actions include monitoring nest sites and breeding success, and reducing colony disturbances such as people, pets, noise and light. Significant rat eradication efforts have also influenced this change as rats prey upon chicks so their absence has helped the population stabilise.

Read more information about the [Little Penguins project](#), or to get involved please email [Rachel Godoy](mailto:Rachel.Godoy) or call 8550 3426.

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## The search for the elusive night parrot

[adapted from an [article from Good Living blog of 18 July 2018](#), titled 'You can support the search for the elusive night parrot' and inviting support for the funding appeal 'any time until 30 July']

" (As of mid July 2018) A joint initiative between DEW, the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia and Birds SA to search for night parrots in the Gawler Ranges was shortlisted for the Australian Ethical Super Community Grants\*.



A night parrot photographed in 2016 at Pullen Pullen Reserve, Queensland (image credit: Steve Murphy)

Researchers plan to use new-generation weatherproof acoustic recorders and old-fashioned birding to detect the bird. Just five years ago this type of survey couldn't be undertaken because the night parrot's call was unknown, but it has since been [recorded](#). The team intends to focus their search in the Gawler Ranges because the region yielded more specimens than any other in the 1800s.

Until recently, the night parrot *Pezoporus occidentalis* was more myth than bird. A few specimens were provided by early explorers, but no one has caught more than a fleeting glimpse of the parrot for nearly 100 years. It was presumed extinct until a population was discovered in southwest Queensland in 2013. "

A web search for the night parrot yields much information on it, for instance, a [Birds SA pdf article by Brian Powell](#) titled The Night Parrot.

\* Disappointingly, a [web search](#), conducted early November, for Australian Ethical Super Community Grants does not list this project. Does anyone know what is happening about the search?

## A beautiful book about Scott Creek Conservation Park

[extract from [Friends of Scott Creek website](#)]

Showcasing local birds, flora, insects, fungi, animals etc. Over 50 pages which include lots of lovely photos, the park's history, its biodiversity value (such as 600+ native plant species and 132 bird species), the ongoing efforts to conserve its treasures and regenerate its creeklines for future generations, along with a map of its walking tracks. Produced to celebrate the first 25 years and to commemorate Tom Hands' leadership as president during this period. All proceeds support the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park.

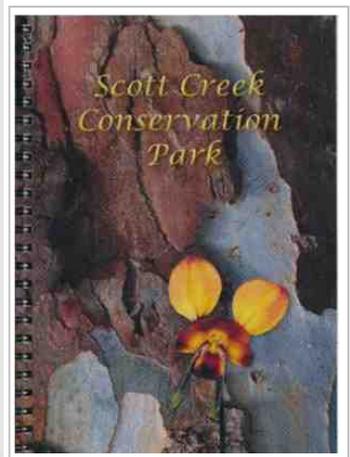
Purchase details (further enquiries to [Don Reid](#))

Price: \$15 (if collecting in person) or else add \$5 for postage.

Payment (\$20) can also be made online or at a BankSA branch.

BSB: 105-078, A/C No: 311316140, Account Name: Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park.

You may need to use your phone number as reference if paying at a branch. Your name is a suitable reference if paying online. Please then email [Don Reid](#) to let him know the date of your payment, your phone number (for reference) and your address (for posting).



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## Recycled paper...

Good news for those of us who still love use of paper ..... Editor

Technological advances have allowed for the introduction of quality, bright white, recycled paper – you no longer have to compromise on quality in favour of the environment.

Recycled paper uses less energy and less water in the production process and keeps paper as a natural resource in circulation for as long as possible. By eliminating overseas transportation and landfill disposal, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

At a minimum, choose 50% recycled, acid free, Australian-made paper which will not only create a demand for the materials we recycle, but also directly support local jobs and the local economy.

... from Friends of the Coorong winter 2018 newsletter



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## Landcare groups and students help to rehabilitate degraded railway corridor

[from Landcare Australia's Landlink blog of 16 August 2018]

Over the past 100-plus years, trees have been cut down and vegetation cleared to make way for urban development and rail transport corridors. There was little left growing along the freight and passenger rail corridors stretching through Mile End until the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and the South Australian Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) were approached by Landcare Australia in 2017 to partner to improve the environmental health and aesthetics of this stretch of land.

The project's aim is to work collaboratively with the community to introduce native plant species that beautify the area and allow habitat connectivity to nearby parklands. It also seeks to increase biodiversity in the inner Adelaide area by maximising habitat value for birds and other fauna, such as the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo.

Click [here](#) to read the full Landlink article.

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## Safety Safety Safety

An email of 9 October 2018 was received by VSPU with subject "Safety Bulletin on 'Snatch Straps'", which had a comprehensive and interesting pdf attachment on that safety issue (of concern when one vehicle hauls another bogged vehicle out of its predicament using a snatch strap) prepared by DEW Parks and Regions staff of the Eyre Peninsula region. It is too lengthy to reproduce in full in this eNews, but can be read [here](#) on the Friends of Parks website, where it falls under the ALERTS category, where also several other safety bulletins and alerts, and advisories are posted (thanks to the efforts of our industrious webmaster Ashleigh Coombs).

More broadly, DEW and other State departments provide their own range of safety bulletins, alerts and advisories germane to their areas of responsibility ... but it will be left to the reader to pursue these avenues of enquiry!

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Three great DEW publications available to all by subscribing, and another to visit [\[information from various emails sent to VSPU\]](#)

The Weekly - Subscribe [here](#).

Good Living - Subscribe [here](#).

Environment SA News -Subscribe [here](#).

Insider Tips - [available here](#).

The Weekly – whilst some of the information in The Weekly is aimed at DEW staff members, there is also a lot of other general interest reading. Subscribe [here](#).

Good Living - This monthly blog/publication [GOOD LIVING](#) offers splendid viewing of high quality pictures and interesting articles, and always contains lots of helpful hints and tips. Subscribe [here](#).

Environment SA News – is the newest DEW publication, launched in September 2018 to share news and information directly with you and others who have a real interest in its work and want to be kept informed about the department's projects and priorities. It also carries the department's news stories. It is designed to complement the DEW Good Living blog, which carries magazine or feature-style content that helps readers enjoy and care for the environment. Subscribe [here](#).

Environment SA News will carry content such as:

- timely information about DEW's programs and projects
- information about how to connect with DEW's programs and services, including having a say on matters of interest
- inspiring stories and visuals to remind us why the environment is important
- links to more detailed or technical information for those who want a deeper understanding of the issues and what they can do to help
- news about the department's work managing our state's valued natural resources and wildlife, parks and places, and precious water resources.

Insider Tips

Insider Tips provides national park experiences, events and seasonal attractions. - [Available here](#).

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Let's Journey Back In Time... To The Plains Around The Southern Grampians In 1892

[Posted 25 August in Nature Trust Glenelg Walker Swamp News by [Mark Bachmann](#)]

The other night in Dunkeld, I shared a fantastic early perspective on the southern Grampians with our audience – written by travelling journalist 'Bruni' (aka George A Brown) in 1892:

"On either side of the railway line between Maroona and Glen Thompson there are numerous hollows in the surface, in most of which there are lakelets. The water in these depressions is invariably salt in the plain country and in the open forest nearer the hills. About five miles from the foot of the range there is a pronounced change in the appearance of the country. The hard clay of the plains gives way to a cold white loam, with fern-clad sandbanks here and there. In the open forest the timber is mostly sheoak, but nearer the hills redgums and honeysuckle are the prevailing trees. Scattered through this forest country are numerous marshes, which differ greatly from the lakelets met with nearer the plains. The water in them is invariably fresh, they are of considerable extent, and the soil is of a most fertile description. On the plains the lakelets are isolated pieces of water with basin banks, and generally have neither inlet nor outlet. Under the hills the marshes have no banks save on the eastern side, and they are all connected, in winter time, by broad sluggish streams."



Mount William and part of the Grampians in West Victoria, 1865. Painting by Eugene von Guérard.

The general description and features of this landscape are certainly recognisable 125 years later, but the way water moves in the landscape and the vegetation now found on the plains has significantly changed.

Early accounts like this are crucial for us to reconstruct what the landscape was like, which in turn helps to guide our restoration goals and planning for tackling projects like the new Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve. You can download and read a full transcribed version of the two articles written by Bruni in April 1892 [here](#).

[Mark Bachmann](#) asks: "If you are aware of any other early accounts of the country around Walker Swamp, please let us know by emailing [info@natureglenelg.org.au](mailto:info@natureglenelg.org.au)".

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### A new aid to help recruit and retain volunteers

[from State of Volunteering Online #250 July 2018]

As is well known by all Friends groups, recruiting and retaining volunteers is essential for long term survival. A self-diagnostic tool is proposed/offered by WA Curtin University, which uses the concept of examining one's own group's recruitability to help identify how it is doing and what changes can be made to improve its ability to recruit and retain volunteers.

A [recruitability self-survey tool](#) comprising four matrices that are concerned with recruitment, flexibility, management, and benefit to volunteers is offered.

A help, maybe?

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### Wombats SA Photography Competition

[announced in email of 7 November 2018 to VSPU]

Entry is now open for the Wombats SA Photography Competition. Photographers of all ages and abilities are welcome to submit an original photograph showcasing our South Australian wildlife and environment.

All winning entries will be included in a 2019 Calendar, promoted on the website and shown at an Exhibition during SALA 2019. They will also be uploaded to Wombats SA's Facebook page.

Winners and a highly commended will be chosen in two categories:

1. Open
2. Alwin Clements Award for Young Photographer – 17 years old and under

Winners will receive a \$250 cash prize, a framed print of their photograph and a certificate. Highly Commended will receive a \$100 cash prize, a framed print of their photograph and a certificate. The Winners cash prizes are donated by Bank SA, and Highly Commended are donated by Wombats SA.

How to enter: Email your entry to [info@nhssa.com.au](mailto:info@nhssa.com.au). Your entry must include:

- Your full name
- Email address
- Postal address and contact telephone number (age if entering Young Photographer)
- One high quality digital image, between 1–2 MB, as a JPEG, PNG or TIFF file, taken by yourself.
- Reason why you have selected this image (maximum 20 words), and the date and location where the image was taken.

Entries close: 19 December 2018 (submit entries by 5pm). Winner announced: 20 December 2018 (winners will be contacted by email).

For full details and terms and conditions of the competition, please view on our [website](#).

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### 10 things you might not know about Wombats

[from Good Living of 19 October 2018]



photo unattributed

Been out bushwalking and heard a rustle in the scrub? Maybe it was one of these guys. Wombats are full of surprises and mystery – consider these 10 fun facts about these fascinating marsupials.

1. These furry marsupials sure are stocky, but don't let that fool you, they can run at speeds up to 40 kilometres per hour which is just under retired sprinter Usain Bolt's fastest recorded speed.

2. The Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat is the state fauna emblem of South Australia. They are found in the south-east of Western Australia and in southern South Australia.

3. You'll never mistake a wombat poo for any other animal's, because wombats are famous for doing cubed-shaped poo – pumping out around 100 of these a day. Long story short, it's all to do with their very slow digestive process.

4. As a marsupial, the Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat has a backwards facing pouch where the young develop. The direction of the pouch means the joey is protected from dirt if the mother is digging. How convenient is that!

5. Wombats have a strong, stocky build with short legs and large front feet. Their feet have flattened claws and five digits. The second and third toes of their hind feet are fused and have a double claw used for grooming.
6. Wombats usually give birth to a single joey, which is blind and hairless and weighs about 2 grams. It crawls into its mother's pouch and attaches to one of its mum's two teats, which will swell around the joey's mouth, fixing it to the teat so it doesn't fall out of the pouch. The joey stays in the pouch for 8 to 9 months. After emerging it will still suckle but also start eating solid food, and will stay with its mother for another year or more.
7. A group of wombats is called a 'wisdom of wombats' a 'mob of wombats' or a 'colony of wombats'. The name wombat comes from the Darug language, spoken by the Traditional Owners of Sydney.
8. Wombats closest relatives are koalas – if you check out their noses you'll see they are pretty similar. Unlike koalas though, which sit upright, wombats are horizontal and their mammalian spine is designed to be supported at the shoulders and hips by their legs. Because of their horizontal structure, they have far less spinal issues than koalas and humans.
9. Believe it or not, wombats can jump! Some have been known to jump over metre-high fences.
10. Fatso the Wombat, who starred in television series 'A Country Practice', was played by three different wombats named 'Fatso', 'George' and 'Garth'.

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## Items contributed by members - to whom we give special thanks

### Friends of Granite Island (FOGI)

[Article provided by Friends of Granite Island secretary [Gloria Flamank](#)]

We are a small group of dedicated volunteers who aim at trying to revegetate Granite Island with indigenous plants to keep it as natural as possible.

We meet regularly at our shed on the island which is above the Morton Bay Fig tree. Our group consists of retirees - some quite senior in age but very willing workers.

During the summer we will just keep up the hand watering of the survivors of our last plantings and weeding so they have room to grow. Next winter we will plant out several more areas.

Three of our previous younger volunteers have now moved onto full time jobs. Which is fantastic for them, but now leaves us needing more volunteers to help.

Anyone who is in the Victor Harbor area and would like to help can contact our secretary Gloria on mobile 0488 185 484 or by [email](#).



John Cluse, Pip Burfield and Sue Cluse hard at work.

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### FOGI celebration 2018

[article provided by Jean Flamank, Secretary, Friends of Granite Island]

The Friends of Granite Island (FOGI) group celebrated volunteers week with a morning tea at the Causeway Cafe.

It was also an opportunity to honor the dedicated work over the last four years by John Biggins and Sonya King, who have organised volunteer working bees twice monthly over the last four years, until their move to Queensland in February this year.

John and Sonya have also recently been awarded Premiers Volunteer Certificates for their outstanding work.

The Friends of Granite Island continue to organise working bees on the Island twice monthly, usually on a Wednesday morning. They aim to continue to revegetate, mainly the southern side of the island, and restore its natural beauty.

If you haven't walked around the island recently, we suggest you take the opportunity to see how it is changing, especially on the southern, seaward side.

Of course we are always looking for extra volunteers to share the load and to enjoy the benefits of belonging to a Friends of Parks group. If interested please contact the Secretary, Jean Flamank at [flamank@tpg.com.au](mailto:flamank@tpg.com.au) or 08 8552 1907 for further information.



John Biggins and Sonya King with their Premier's Certificates in recognition of their work on Granite Island



Jean Flamank, new secretary, and Pip Burfield, TeamLeader for our group

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### Malleefowl Mystery In Lincoln National Park

[Article by Di DeLaine and Robert DeLaine (FSEPP), and Andrew Freeman (DEW), submitted by Jim Egan, Secretary, Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks]

Malleefowl were thought to be extinct in Lincoln National Park following an extensive bushfire in the Park in 1967. In December 2001, four one-year old captive reared malleefowl were released into the Park. The timing coincided with Acacia seed set and fall. All birds were roosting at night at the time of their release.

The malleefowl release was part of the Ark on Eyre Program, to assist and/or return threatened species to their former range. Under the professional guidance of Rob Wheeler and Peter Copley, eggs were harvested near Lock and incubated. Graeme Tonkin and the late Tom Bott were volunteers on the program.

One of the male birds was found working a large mound in September 2002. This was discovered after nine months of intensive monitoring. In January 2003 it was decided to excavate the mound to see if the male malleefowl had started to breed or whether this was in fact a practice run. Breeding at two years of age is very young for a malleefowl.

Paul Burton, Ecologist and malleefowl expert from NSW, came over to excavate the mound. Ten fertile unhatched eggs and eggshells from another six previously hatched eggs were found. Due to the large size and number of eggs discovered, it is likely that the female bird was an existing older bird in the Park. It suggested that there might be a resident population of malleefowl living and breeding in the Park that haven't been seen in 30 years.

Nothing was heard or seen of malleefowl for another 14 years or so. Then several reliable sightings were reported in Lincoln N.P. in 2017 and a dead bird was collected from the roadside in September. Members of Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks purchased a remote camera and set it up close to reported sightings. Further reports again in 2018 narrowed the search area and now Friends have 'captured' malleefowl on their remote camera.

What does this all mean for malleefowl conservation? The events described above raise many questions:

Are malleefowl breeding in the Park?

Do we have a population of malleefowl or just a few individuals?

Are these birds the offspring of, or the original released birds?

What effect (if any) has 20 years of fox baiting, and/or prescribed burning, and/or kangaroo management had on malleefowl in the Park?

In consultation with DEW staff, a grid search was conducted recently near to the sightings area, looking for active mounds - but none was found. Further searches are planned for nearby areas in the coming weeks.

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### Forty years of counting kangaroos in South Australia

[notified by email to VSPU of 4 July 2018]

Visit [SA Country Hour's program](#) posted in early July 2018 for an interesting description of how kangaroo (and other species) counts are conducted from the air.

This item was brought to our attention by Scott Jennings(DEW) who has participated in such a counting operation in late June 2018.

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FoP volunteer Shylie O'Brien turns 100, also celebrates 18 years service to FoP

Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks members and Natural Resources EP staff gathered for lunch and cake to celebrate long-serving volunteer Shylie O'Brien's 100th birthday on Thursday 21 June. The celebration included a reflection of Shylie's 18 years of volunteer work and 14 years of service on the committee.



The celebration took place at Donington Cottage within Lincoln National Park, coincidentally on the day that marked the winter solstice. The winter sun was out and warm, the day was calm which allowed for some checking of the regrowth within the grazing exclosures and a happy BBQ lunch gathering in the great outdoors.

Party goers enjoyed hearing anecdotes of Shylie's work and antics. A lover of botany and dedicated Australian Plant Society Member, Shylie has had two special in park planting projects on the go for a while. These include a feature planting at Lincoln National Park main entrance and a cottage garden at Donington.

An inspiration to all who meet her, Shylie is always there to offer sage advice and share some cheeky wit to keep you on your toes, such as 'if you have two good legs, you should stand to give your speech'.

She attributes her success in longevity in part to regularly getting out into nature and her very active role as a Friends of Park Volunteer.

.... from Katrina Pobke, Communications and Engagement Officer Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula

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## Departed Friends

At each Forum we have a memorial table with a list of all Friends who have passed away since the previous forum, and a posy of flowers. But for this newsletter we provide a simple list of names, sufficient for you to make your own enquiries, of those who have departed since the previous newsletter. We apologise for any omissions. Please let Pam Smith, VSPU, know of anyone who should be added to the list.

Doris Fowles	Friends of Onkaparinga Parks
Betty Franche	Friends of Onkaparinga Parks
Darrell Kraehenbuehl	Field Naturalists' Society of SA Inc.
Ray Beyer	Friends of Telowie Gorge
Wally Davies	Friends of Telowie Gorge
Steve Clarke	Nature Glenelg Trust
Bill Gowling	Friends of Simpson Desert Parks

... information from VSPU records and Friends' newsletters and communications

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## LINKS

[Friends of Parks Website](#) [www.friendsofparkssa.org.au](http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au)



'Like' us on Facebook - Friends of Parks SA has a [Facebook](#) page. It was launched on 6 October 2016 and now has had over 750 'Likes' and growing. Simply visit and 'Like' the page to receive regular notifications.

[Instructions appearing on the Friends website](#) which have been prepared by the Treasurer, Friends of Parks Inc., for when your group needs to approach the Treasurer to obtain successful grant funding. No member login is required to access this information.

From mid 2018 DEW has undertaken major updates to the [National Parks SA website](#) to further encourage park visitation by providing a rich source of visitor information, inspirational content and the ability to book and pay online.

Have your say on the [proposed coastal walk-way planning](#) for Heron Way Reserve and South of Field River, Hallett Cove (by 12 December 2018).

[Landcare SA invites you to visit their new website](#), where amongst much else you may subscribe to their [newsletter](#) or seek further information from their [executive officer](#).

Follow the progress of the national malleefowl recovery project by visiting <http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au/> where malleefowl related information on monitor training, national database, newsletter access and photographs can be found.

Get acquainted with SA's new [online pet database](#), a one-stop shop to manage the state's dog and cat information

Visit this [DEW website page](#) to find links to reports by  
(1) the Goyder Expert Panel on the status of the ecological character of the Coorong South Lagoon and recommended actions to restore the wetland health, and  
(2) the Coorong Summit Summary Report on the health and management of the Coorong, particularly for the South Lagoon.

Keep an eye on the [Invasive Species Council](#) activities. Their mission is to Keep Nature Safe from Dangerous New Invaders (such as weeds, feral animals, diseases). Note, too, an app "Field Guide to Pest Animals of Australia" is available on the AppStore.

The Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT) monthly blog/newsletter offers a wide range of high quality pictures and interesting articles. Sign up for its blog/newsletter at the bottom of its [website PUBLICATIONS page](#).

Find out about the health of South Australia's natural environment, and how it is changing over time. Visit <https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Trend-and-condition-reports/Pages/default.aspx>  
The report "Tracking Changes in South Australia's Environment" is available from [here](#).

Visit the [Trees For Life \(aka Bush for Life?\) website Resources](#) page to explore the wealth of information there, such as TFL's ReLeaf Magazines, Bushcarer Magazines, Tree Scheme advisory material, various brochures, Strategic Plan & Annual Reports, and much else about TFL.

Milestone for wild island trail ... [The Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail](#) has hosted its 4000th walker since opening two years ago. Further information on the trail is available at [here](#).

Butterfly Conservation public talks to be held in new location in 2019, namely: Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street Plympton. Enquiries to [Secretary BCSA](#)

Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine available online at <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/landcare-magazine/>

[WILDCARE INC](#) looks to be the Tasmanian equivalent of South Australia's Friends of Parks Inc. Have a look at its [website](#) for interesting comparisons.

Keep up with all the latest from the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. Visit the websites of [The Botanic Gardens of South Australia](#), or of the individual gardens: the [Adelaide Botanic Gardens](#), the [Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens](#), and the [Wittunga Botanic Gardens](#).

Check out the [Conservation Council SA](#) and [The Joinery](#) websites to see what's on under the auspices of the Conservation Council SA, and at The Joinery ... a place to connect and get active such as hire a function room or office space, attend an event, grab a bite to eat, meet a friend or join The Joinery team itself.

Book Launch: Glenthorne – A Definite History and Indefinite Politics.  
Authors: Dr Pam Smith, Dr Keryn Walshe and Friends of Glenthorne Secretary Alan Burns.  
To order the book visit [www.friendsofglenthorne.org.au/book/](http://www.friendsofglenthorne.org.au/book/)

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## FRIENDS OF PARKS INC. GIFT FUND

Do you want to make a donation to the work of Friends of Parks?  
If so, do it through the Gift Fund.

Friends of Parks Inc. operates a Gift Fund which is on the Australian Government's Register of Environmental Organisations which means that donations are tax deductible. Receipts can be provided for tax purposes. There are many reasons for people wanting to give a donation, e.g. after experiencing a wonderful time in the park, people may wish to donate towards that park. It should be noted that although a donation cannot be specified for a particular park or project, donors may indicate to the Gift Fund Committee that they enjoy a particular park or project. For full explanations please read the Gift Fund documents mentioned below.

Through your generosity the Gift Fund hopes to support projects from various Friends Groups into the future.

The Gift Fund has been undergoing some changes

Electronic fund transfer is again available. A new Gift Fund sub-Committee has been formed - made up of three Friends of Parks Inc. Board Members: Kevin Osborn (Treasurer), Mandy Carter (Public Officer) and Kate Buckley (new Gift Fund Secretary).

The Gift Fund Secretary will issue receipts for donations, arrange meetings with the Gift Fund Committee Members in order to assess Gift Fund Applications, and to respond to all Applicants.

All Gift Fund documents are on the website under the Members Area [www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/donate](http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/donate), namely:

- Gift Fund Information
- Donation Form - to use when someone wants to make a donation
- Assessment Criteria - how grants requests are assessed
- Gift Fund Application Form - for Friends of Parks Inc. member groups to request a grant.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Kate Buckley, M 0428 887 786

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Account Number: 2339333

Bank: People's Choice Credit Union

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c/- the Secretariat, Volunteer Support Programs Unit,  
GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001.

The purpose of the Gift Fund is to receive donations which are tax deductible to the Donor. Donors who request an official tax receipt cannot state which group or project is to receive the donation. This is an offence against the Tax Act. Donors who do not wish to receive a tax deduction, can donate direct to the Friends Group of their choice.