

The educational focus offers many tangible benefits:-

- It utilises existing regional community networks through school/college/university communities.
- It engages young people in becoming involved in conservation and land management through the State's national parks.
- It offers financial support and assistance to schools, classes or individual students.
- It utilises the student's own curricula or course requirements and learning outcomes.
- It encourages schools and students to become aware of and work with a Friends of Parks group(s).

Background:

In 2015, the Friends of Parks lost two of its most dedicated and longest standing members - both were Presidents of Friends of Parks Groups.

Tom Hands and Colin Malcolm were deeply committed to ensuring the State's parks and reserves maintained their rich biodiversity, while at the same time, providing educational and recreational opportunities to the South Australian community.

In 2017 - to remember both for their wonderful contributions - the Friends of Parks Board, in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) decided to sponsor educational grants in their names, to students of all ages across the State. This is the third year that the Scholarships are being offered.

S.A. Friends of Parks Inc.



2019/20 Educational Scholarship Prospectus

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” (Dr Seuss)

In memory of:
Tom Hands &
Colin Malcolm

Aim of this Scholarship

To engage students – i.e. primary, area schools, high schools, TAFE and Universities in on-park /off-park environmental activities by providing financial support through a collaborative learning process with a local Friends of Parks group.

Criteria

- reflect broad environmental /conservation learning outcomes
- reflect course and curriculum priorities
- involve students to work collaboratively with a Friends of Parks group
- report learning outcomes to their partnering Friends of Parks group



Methodology

- This scholarship is an annual program which focuses on relationship building between Friends of Parks groups and the broader community.
- Those Friends of Parks groups that are interested in becoming involved in the program will approach and work with their (school/tertiary) community in exploring ideas for activities etc. This may mean working with parents, teachers, course coordinators, principles etc.
- In collaboration with a school/college/university, Friends of Parks groups will assist in completing an application form and submitting it to the Friends of Parks Board for assessment.

Methodology (con't)

- 2 x cheques for \$2,500 each will be presented to the successful applicants which will enable them to undertake their proposed activity(s).
- Depending on demand and the nature of the proposal, a cheque for \$5,000 will be presented to the one student applicant.
- A final 'report' (in whatever format the school/student 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/student can take up to 2 calendar years to complete the activity/project.

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