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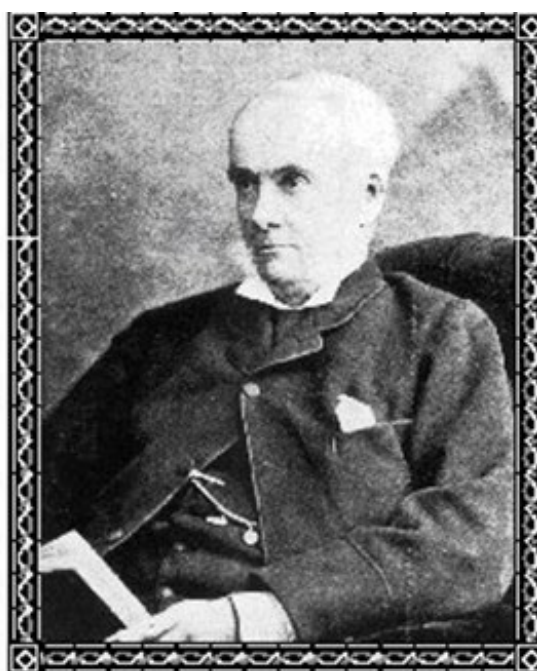
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What's in a Name!

George Alexander Anstey was an influential figure in colonial South Australia as well as being the namesake of Anstey Hill. He was born in London in 1814. His parents emigrated to Tasmania in 1823. George, after helping on his father's property, married at 24 years of age and left the island to establish himself on the mainland. He arrived in the recently founded colony with some sheep early in 1838. By the end of 1841 he was one of South Australia's leading pastoralists having increased his stock of sheep to 10,000, marking him as the greatest individual stockholder of the day.

In 1840 he purchased two sections of land and began to establish his Highercombe Estate which



George Alexander Anstey

he named after his father's birthplace in Somerset, England. Anstey's property was in the vicinity of the Highercombe Golf Club which is located just over the crest of the range east of Anstey Hill Recreation Park. Highercombe Estate, with its vineyards, orchards and extensive botanical gardens became a horticultural show-piece and very well regarded for its high-quality outputs like wine and fruit.

Between 1842 and 1846 Anstey constructed what was initially a private road from Grand Junction Road to his newly established estate. This road, in reality little more than a bullock wagon and horse dray track, became known as "Anstey Hill Road", that is the road up the hill leading to "Anstey's" place. It was used for 20 years, but was never gravelled. It crossed the crest of the then called Tea Tree Range in a saddle just north of Anstey Hill. It was later extended to Houghton and became a rival to the route up Tea Tree Gully, creating much controversy. In 1873 a new road passing across the south-eastern slopes of the hill was built and eventually named Lower North East Road. Its gravel surface was bituminised in 1930.

In 1851 Mr. Anstey accepted a nominee seat in the Legislative Council where he sat for only three days in Parliament, sending the following letter of resignation to Governor Young in which he stated, "..... But so disgusted am I with the doings of the present body, with the utter neglect of the most important pledges and with the shameful preference of matters personal to themselves as to their pockets and prejudices"

Mr. Anstey remained for only 14 years in South Australia. When his father died in 1851 he returned to Tasmania with his family and then returning to England in 1854. Except for brief visits, the last in 1868, Anstey never returned to live in South Australia. He died at Harley Street, London, in February, 1895, in his eighty-first year. He and his wife Harriet had a total of nine children.

As an interesting footnote, Edgar Oliphant Anstey, a son of George Anstey, was the first South Australian-born officer to fall in battle. He was born at Highercombe in 1851, was a lieutenant in the 1st Battalion of the 24th Regiment, and was killed in action at Isandula, Zululand, on January 22, 1879.

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PROPAGATION DAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022



Krys Fendler, Anna Rulla, Marie Mudge



Krys Fendler, Jay Russian, Mary Lane, David Shepherd



David Shepherd, Krys Fendler, Roberta Swift, Chris Bushell, Mary Lane, Kevin Laurence, Roger Collier, Rob Carthew, Marie Mudge, John Harmer, James Fendler, Jay Russian

Thanks to all those who attended our Propagation Day this year.

Mary Lane provided the seeds so that we prepared 10 boxes of seedlings of 16 different species of native plants: trees, shrubs and groundcovers/grasses. At 28 tubes per box that is up to 280 possible seedlings to plant next June.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This is our first Newsletter for the New Year so Happy New Year to all our members and supporters.

I have just returned from a 3 month holiday around Australia so I have been largely absent since the Annual General Meeting. The AGM went well with all the committee returned with the addition of a new member, Jameson Ellis-Steinborner joining the committee and also taking on the role of editing this Newsletter. Jameson is just starting his Honours year at university. It is great to have his youthful enthusiasm on board as well as making a significant contribution to lowering the average age of the committee.

Sadly, we were informed recently that Anna Rulla will no longer be serving on the committee due to other commitments. The Committee would like to thank her for her contribution over the last couple of years, stepping into the secretary's role when it was needed and hosting numerous committee meetings at her house.

Having been absent for over 3 months I'd like to thank those who stepped in during my absence. It speaks highly of the dedication and resilience of the group that things continued as normal over that period. Special thanks to Diann for guiding the Bushcare activities and for Rob for chairing the last committee meeting.

By all accounts Propagation Day went well with 14 people in attendance. This should set us up well for Planting Day in the middle of the year. The Planting Day will be announced a little closer to the date and will depend on how much moisture there is in the soil.

The good news was that we were successful in our Grant Application from last year. As you may recall we were unsuccessful in the previous application owing to an administrative error that meant our application was not submitted. I updated the previous application and got a letter of support from the Member for Newland, Olivia Savvas. The grant of \$4,803.63 will allow us to employ a contractor to tackle the boneseed in the more inaccessible areas up from Gate 5 and fund a portion of the Injecta 400 system for the control of olives. Hopefully this will mean we spend less time in the area to control regrowth.

The Injecta 400 is a new technique for controlling woody plants (including olives) developed by the University of Queensland. It basically drills a hole near the base of the plant, inserts a weedicide pellet and then a wooden dowel into the hole. For us it will mean less handling of chemicals and avoiding the "blue hands" that we sometimes get from the dye we put in the weedicide as a marker for where we have used it.

A new thing we will be trialling soon is running a Bushcare Session on a Sunday. This issue has been raised in the past by members who find it difficult to come to the

Wednesday morning session owing to work commitments. We will run a number of these over the course of the year to see if there is sufficient demand to make it a permanent feature of the group's activities. Watch out for the announcement for Sunday 16th April and join us in the park to make this a success.

This year we will also be celebrating our 35th anniversary in November, planning is underway so please watch this space for further details.

Steve Lukacs

President and Bushcare Coordinator

PS If you have any questions, concerns, comments or some general advice contact me by email steve.at.foah@gmail.com

Look forward to hearing from you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who have joined this financial year. Hope to see you at one of the events during the year.

Amy Braylock, Aaron King, Chris Hogarth, Derek Bond, Matthew Bond, Eloise Bond

WEDNESDAY - BUSHCARE GROUP

November 30th: Olives, African Daisies and Artichokes removed from Ellis Way and Rosella Walk/Silver Mine Track Corner.



December 7th: Finishing Rosella Walk/Silver Mine Track Corner.



December 14th: Watering Plantings at the Quarry and Break Up BBQ.



Dennis Broome, John Harmer, David Waterman



Jim Corbett, Ian Wu, Jameson Ellis-Steinborner



Rob Carthew



Jim Corbett, Kevin Laurence, John Harmer, Dennis Broome, Roger Collier

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WEDNESDAY BUSH CARE GROUP.

Thanks go to our Sponsors:



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YOUR 2022-2023 COMMITTEE:

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FUTURE EVENTS:

5 th April 2023	Committee Meeting
16 th April	Sunday - Working Bee (Save the date) 9.30am Start – Details before the day.
7 th June	Committee Meeting
TBA June	Planting Day
2 nd August	Committee Meeting
September	Sunday Working Bee -TBA
4 th October	Committee Meeting & AGM
12 TH November	FOAH 35 th Year Anniversary Celebration

LIFE & HONORARY MEMBERS

Rodney Attwood	Victor Gostin
Don Bursill	Olga Gostin
Margaret Bursill	Mary Lane
Merv Fenwick	Keith Rendell
Jill Fenwick	David Sheppard
Roger Collier	

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2023 ? :-

Your continued support for the ongoing maintenance of the Park is appreciated. Renewals of Membership are now due. Thank you to all those who have already renewed.



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2022/23 Membership Form

And Donation Advice

(for year ending 30th September 2023)

PO Box 653, St Agnes SA 5097

(ABN 53 952 413 248)

Please Note:

- * If this is an electronic version of our membership form it can be completed on-line, saved to your computer and emailed to us. (anstey.friends@gmail.com)
- * Please complete and return this form whether a new membership or a renewal, as this allows us to ensure contact details are up to date.

Please indicate membership category by selecting appropriate box:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Concession \$12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Concession \$14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group \$22 (ie Community Association/Club, Business, Government body, etc) | |

(standard definitions for
concession/family apply)

I would also like to include a donation of \$..... towards future and on-going projects.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone: (hm) _____ (mob) _____

Email _____

Notes:

- * If a 'family membership' please feel free to add additional names and email addresses so all family members can stay informed of FOAH activities and receive the club newsletter.
- * Normally all correspondence will be by email, but if you wish to receive a hard copy of our Newsletter (normally 4 times per year) please let us know.

Payment Methods:

- ☐ direct debit ☐ pay by mail (see below)

Payment by direct debit can be made to our bank account:

Friends of Anstey Hill, BSB 105 155, Account No. 578 101 140

Please include the reference "m'ship fees, your surname and initials"

or Mail this form together with your cheque to above address.

Volunteer Safety Reminder: If you intend to help us undertake activities in the Park you are required to complete a Department of Environment and Water (DEW) Volunteer Activity Registration Form, which can be accessed via our website. The completed form should be submitted to us either via email (anstey.friends@gmail.com) or post (see address above).

Further information on the Friends of Anstey Hill can be found on our website and FaceBook

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