



FRIENDS OF ANSTEY HILL



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NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 17 th September 2023	Bushcare Morning	9:30am Friends Shed
Sunday 1 st October 2023	Membership Due	
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	Annual General Meeting	7:30pm TTG Heritage Museum
Sunday 12 th November 2023	35 th Anniversary	11am TTG Heritage Museum
Sunday 26 th November 2023	Propagation Day	10am Friends Shed

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDS OF ANSTEY HILL – BUSHCARE MORNING

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

MEET AT: THE SHED – GATE 18 – 100 RANGE ROAD SOUTH, HOUGHTON
FROM 9.30AM - APPROX. 2 HOURS

For the members who cannot attend the regular Wednesday Bushcare Sessions, we have organised this weekend event. Please wear long pants and shirt with sturdy shoes and a hat for sun protection. We will provide gloves and tools. Look forward to seeing you there.



MEMBERSHIPS

Our Financial Year runs from the 1st October to the 30th September so membership renewals for 2023/2024 are due on the 1st of October. It is our membership base that allows us to achieve so much in the park, your ongoing support is appreciated.

Life Members and new members that have joined since 1st July 2023 you are automatically covered for 2023/2024.

Please let us know if any of your details have changed via the attached Membership Form.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18th October, 2023 at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum from 7.30PM. The AGM will be followed by supper and a guest speaker.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

Why not consider joining the committee, we need all the help we can get!

FRIENDS OF ANSTEY HILL COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM:

Nomination for 2023-2024 AGM. (Must be a Financial Member)

I, of..... Would like to nominate for the

position of:- (please specify) on the Committee of Friends of Anstey Hill

Signed: Please send nomination to Diann Lozoraitis, Secretary to the above details.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED UP TO THE 18^h September 2023.



35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

These will be held on Sunday 12th November 2023 at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum kicking off at 11am. We are pleased to have Hon. Dr. Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and Duncan MacKenzie OAM, President of Friends of Parks Inc as speakers and presenters on the day. We will be presenting certificates to Life Members and members that have reached significant membership milestones.

The presentations will be followed by a BBQ and salad lunch.

PROPAGATION DAY

This year's Propagation Day will be held on Sunday 26th November at the Friends Shed starting at 10am. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

Spring in the Park

Spring in the Park sees orchids, lilies, billy buttons and paper daisies line the paths, gullies and ridge tops. Whilst birds sing, butterflies flutter, lizards bask in the sun and the creeks fill with frogs.

Here are 10 suggestions for you to explore:

1. From Gate 9 walk along Geological Hike to where you'll travel amongst wildflowers and native grasses such as Kangaroo Grass, Wallaby-grass, Spear-grass
2. For a more challenging adventure head up the Pink Gum Loop using Wildflower Walk Track and spot Purple Cockatoo orchids, Twining Fringe Lilies, Billy Buttons, Spotted Donkey Orchids and King Spider Orchids
3. Head up the Pink Gum Loop using Ridgetop Track where you will travel through Grass Trees with tall flowering stalks, scented flowering wattles and if you're lucky you may hear the rare Chestnut-rumped Heathwren
4. From the picnic area at Little Quarry Loop head up Yellowtail Loop using the steep Wednesday Loop where you'll see rocky-covered slope and views across the Adelaide Plains
5. From Carpark 6 wander along Water Gully Track to the historic Newman's Nursery ruins which was once considered the largest nursery in the southern hemisphere (some parts may be unstable so it's best to observe the ruins and not climb them)
6. Explore Little Quarry Loop track on your bike or stroll and spot basking Stumpy Lizards as they emerge after winter
7. Just north-west from the Little Quarry Loop picnic area take a short walk along Yellowtail Loop where you'll journey through dense Kangaroo Thorn wattles which provide important protection to many small birds such as White-browed Scrubwrens and brightly coloured Superb Fairy-wrens
8. Head up Quarry Views Hike & spot the Box Mistletoe hanging in the trees, you may see birds eating the berries, sipping the nectar of the flowers, or seeking protection from bigger birds
9. Based on your mountain biking ability, select a bike or shared trail to ride whilst taking in all the natural scenery
10. For those looking for a day-long hike, walk the Yellowtail Loop and you will no doubt encounter curious wildlife such as the inquisitive Grey Fantail and social Superb Fairy-wren.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The winter months seem to drift by slowly as we all try to keep warm and dry. The Friends have kept busy over this period and it is interesting to note that the Wednesday Bushcare group has been blessed with some great weather in the park, albeit a bit chilly.



On Sunday the 18th June we held our annual Planting Day. We returned to the old quarry area on the Quarry Loop Hike up from Gate 1. This was our third planting in the area and probably our last for a while. It is amazing the success rate we have had in the area given that we are planting into mostly rock. This is largely due to the Wednesday Bushcare Group watering the seedlings over the hot summer months. We had 26 members help out on the day and enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards, thanks to all.

Thanks also to Rangers Taylor and Alisha for helping us put up our new signs at Gates 1, 6 and 18. We spent a bit of time working out exactly where to position them with nature playing a large part in terms of where we could actually dig a hole without encountering rock in the first couple of centimetres. It has taken a while, but we are proud of the outcome at the end of the day.

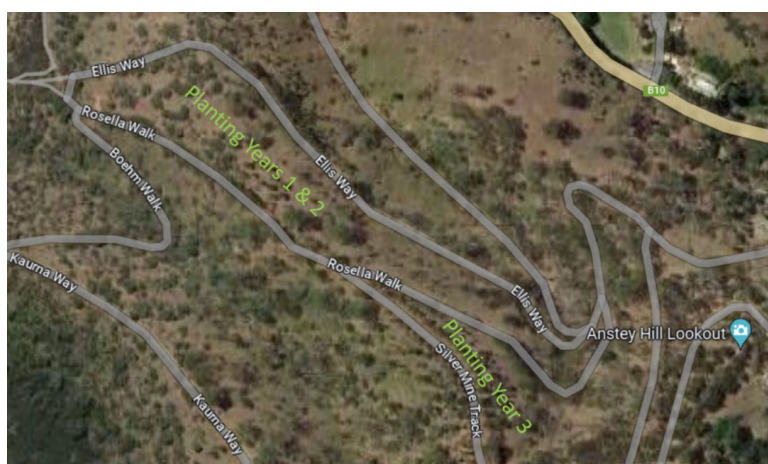
In addition to working in the park, the Wednesday Bushcare group has been working in the shed, putting up new shelves, repairing some rotten beams and installing some solar lights. In addition, David Waterman has continued making modifications to our trailer so that we are much more organised in terms of storing and transporting our tools.



Something that was brought up a while ago was the concept of "Adopt a Patch" for members that wanted to contribute in the park outside of the formal activities. One of our Wednesday group, John Duncan, was happy to work on areas in the park in his own time using his own tools. We have set up a system where he texts me when he is in the park so I can record it for insurance purposes and to accumulate the volunteer hours spent in the park. Hopefully we may be able to roll this out to see if the broader membership is interested.

The other concept we have been trialling is having Sunday Bushcare Sessions, again trying to involve membership that can't make the Wednesday morning sessions. Our first one on the 16th April was a great success so we have planned our next one for the 17th September. We will leave the selection of the site until a bit closer to the date but should be a great time to see some of the native orchids in flower.

Continuing on the theme of involving the broader membership the other engagement that was suggested was to do a 4WD tour of the park for those members who are less mobile and unable to visit all areas in the park. So far, the response has not been great so we may have to postpone the event until there is a bit more interest.



As mentioned earlier that after 3 years we will be moving to a new site for next year for Planting Day. After consultation with Mary Lane and the rangers we have selected a site between Rosella and Ellis Way. Again, we are hoping that this will be a 3 year programme. This will also determine the type of plants that we will need to propagate on our next

Propagation Day which will be held in late November, early December.

It is our 35th Anniversary this year and planning for the event is underway. It will be held at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum on Sunday 12th November 2023. We are finalising the invitation and the invite list and hope to have a formal invitation to members and other invitees in the coming weeks.

The new signs in the park have already yielded dividends as our membership has grown to 55. This is great news as it means more people are involved with the group and that leads to greater involvement and support for our activities in the park. Overall, the organisation continues to be in a strong financial position with the ongoing support of our members and the ReGEN Op Shop. We are always on the lookout for new projects that we can fund whether they be activities in the park or new equipment to make our lives easier and safer. Appreciate any ideas along these lines.

Steve Lukacs

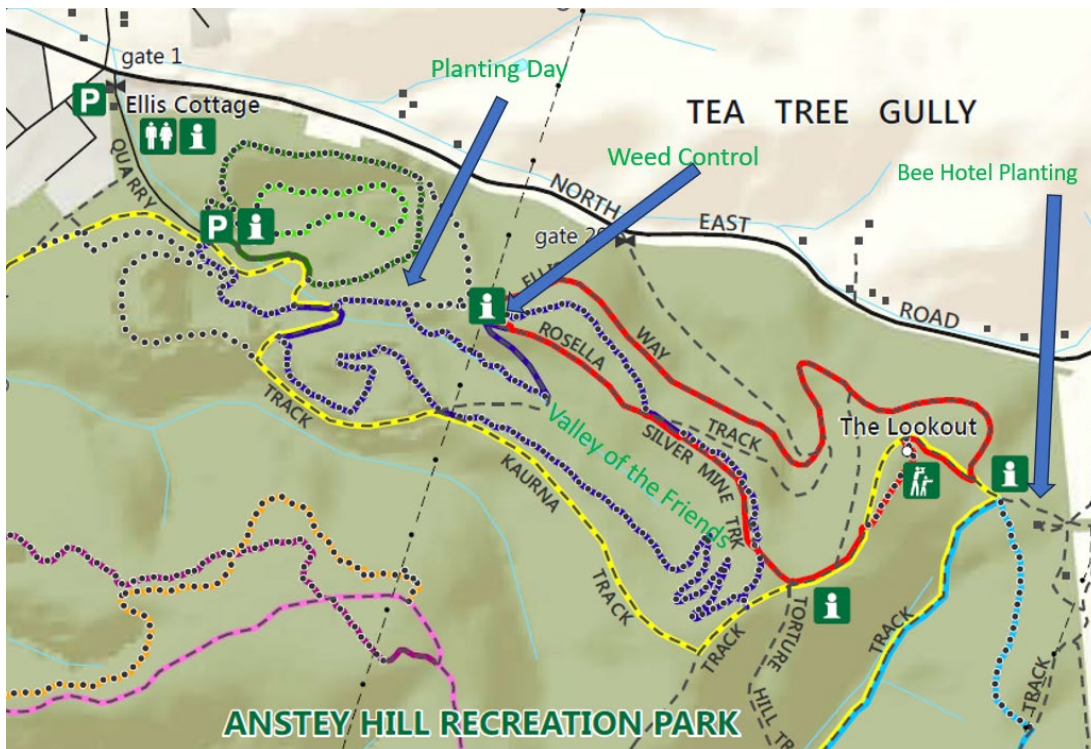
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BUSHCARE REPORT



This is a summary of activities undertaken from 1st June 2023 to 31st July 2023:

- The main focus during this period has been weed control at various locations in the park
 - Preparation for Planting Day followed by Planting Day
 - Planting in the area around the bee hotel near the Friends Shed
 - Behind Boehm Track trailhead, African daisy, olives, bridal creeper
 - Friends Valley tree guard removal and general weed control, olives and African daisy
- Repairs to the shed plus the addition of solar lights
- Further modifications to the trailer to better accommodate our tools (Thanks to David)
- Trialling of “Adopt a Patch”



Future activities include:

- Angove Conservation Park targeting Sparaxis (bulb removal)
- Gun emplacement creek line (olives and dogrose) and Kloppers Track (Erica)
- Bursaria Loop below Gate 18 house (gorse)
- Pipeline area near Gate 14 (boneseed, gorse, olive)
- Boundary Track tree guard removal and general weed control
- Boneseed control and olive control in area up from Gate 5
- Remove old fencing, particularly those which include barb wire strands.

Statistics for the Bushcare Group activities for this period:

- 8 Wednesday mornings sessions plus Planting Day
- Total of 314 hours
- Average number of hours per activity is 33
- Average number of workers per morning session is 10.5

Great turnout for planting Day with 26 volunteers in attendance.

Steve Lukacs

2nd August 2023

RANGER'S REPORT:

Not too much to report at this stage in regard to Anstey Hill. I had a look at traffic numbers - there has been around 82,834 people at Anstey over the course of 7 months, with approx. 4283 last month. This is just an estimate from our traffic counter data collected.

We have had some reports regarding rubbish dumped not far around Quarry Lake however, after having a look I believe it is not within our park boundary - will get in touch with the council regarding this.

Ranger: Alisha Adams (Secondment from Adelaide Botanic Gardens)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who have joined since our last newsletter. Hope to see you at one of the events during the year.

Christine Bettess

Adam and Nathan Stuckey

Pauline Cassar

Tia Ward

Daniel Grimwood

YOUR 2022-2023 COMMITTEE:

President:

Steve Lukacs

Secretary:

Diann Lozoraitis

Treasurer:

Kevin Laurance

Committee Members:

Marie Mudge

Roger Collier

Rob Carthew

Christine Thomas

Jenny Carthew

Newsletter: Diann Lozoraitis

Facebook: Christine Thomas

Bushcare: Steve Lukacs

Ranger: Alisha Adams (On secondment from Adelaide Botanic Gardens)

LIFE & HONORARY MEMBERS

Rodney Attwood

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Margaret Bursill

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Jill Fenwick

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FRIENDS OF ANSTEY HILL
2023/24 Membership Form
And Donation Advice

(for year ending 30th September 2024)

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:

- Single \$14 Single Concession \$12
 Family \$16 Family Concession \$14
 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

www.communitywebs.org/FriendsofAnsteyHill/

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