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Photo by Lea Crosby

Motivational address to the troops at the beginning of Planting Day on Sun. 14 June 2020. With keen imagination you can almost hear Henry V motivating his troops before the battle of Agincourt in 1415! But then I have the advantage of having lived during a period rather closer to the era than most readers!

"gentlemen in England now a-bed shall think themselves accursed they were not here, and hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks that fought with us upon Saint Crispin's Day."

Editor learnt this Shakespeare text at school circa 1948. I knew that it would be useful one day! It was just a matter of patiently waiting for the opportunity! Thankyou Miss Johnson. Thankyou linesmen, thankyou ballboys!

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From the Editor's Desk

This editor's trusty quill is almost ready to be sharpened, dusted-off and burnished and lacquered in readiness for imminent retirement. Like its owner/operator it has been showing signs of scratchiness and wear just recently after an extended term of dedicated duty!

It has been fun, sort of, although that is very much a personal viewpoint. It depends, I suppose, upon whether you have been the writer or the reader!

Now we face the diversionary challenge of the cryptic crossword and Sudoku and, as a last resort, the TV in the corner! If time permits the kitchen ceiling needs painting and a couple of other domestic chores have worked their way up the priority list into the red zone!

It does seem strange to be signing off without an appeal for material for inclusion in the next and future issues but I'm sure that I will overcome that hurdle with the passage of time.

I'll sign-off this chapter by quoting English diarist Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) who closed each daily entry into his diary with the words:

"---and so to bed."



FOAH and DEW Contacts, Key Dates and Warning

➤ FOAH

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President & Minute Secretary: *Lea Crosby*
Treasurer: *Jim Crosby*
Secretary and Facebook Coord: *Christine Thomas*

General Committee Members

*Rob Carthew, Roger Collier, Steve Lukacs, John Harmer,
Marie Mudge, David Prest, Anna Rulla*

Non-Committee Members

FOAH Seed Collector: *Mary Lane*
Webmaster: *Nathan Lysaght*

Key Dates 2019-20

Committee Meetings Wednesday 7.30pm TTG Heritage Museum

- Tentative program resumed.
- 7 Oct. 2020 (AGM)
- 4 Nov. 2020 (TBC)

Newsletter Issues

| Issue # | Target Date |
|---------|-------------|
| 1/2021 | TBA |

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3 Notices for the Wednesday Bushcare Group

Meet at the shed at **8 30 am.**

No volunteering in the park when the forecast is for **SEVERE, EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC** warnings issued the previous evening or on the Bureau of Meteorology website <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml>



President's Report

Thank you to our Bushcare session volunteers who have returned with great enthusiasm to help out in the park! We have also been fortunate enough to have good weather on Wednesday mornings to carry out weed control work and to plant some seedlings. FOAH volunteer hours over the last 12 months have been the third highest amongst Friends of Parks Inc. volunteer groups. Congratulations to all volunteers for your tremendous efforts.

Our FOAH committee meetings have recommenced at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage museum with a meeting held on Wednesday 5th August at 7.30 p.m. The next meeting will be the AGM on the 7th October if restrictions are not in place. Members will be informed if there are any changes to the date.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the FOAH committee and take up a position, please encourage them to do so. The President, Treasurer, Wednesday Bushcare Session Coordinator and Newsletter Editor positions need to be filled!

Our Sunday Planting Day held on 14th June was successful with all seedlings planted and protected with tree guards. Thank you also to everyone for propagating and caring for the seedlings at home. A special thank you to Mary Lane who organised where the seedlings could be planted. Thanks to Mary and the Kersbrook Landcare group for donating seedlings for our volunteers to plant along the creek line.

On the southern slope behind the nursery ruins is a large crop of wigandia or stinging tree (*Wigandia urens*). *Wigandia* (*Wigandia urens* var. *caracasana* is regarded as an environmental weed in Western Australia). The Wednesday volunteers will be removing these invasive weeds that may encroach on the new seedlings.



Wigandia urens

Another project for the Wednesday Bushcare group in liaison with our ranger Norman Schulze, will be to pull down some old fences in the park. Some of these fences pose a potential danger to the wildlife in the park.

Sonia Blackwell from *Tea Tree Gully What's Up* Facebook group interviewed me recently at Anstey Hill RP to discuss what FOAH volunteers do in the park. The Facebook group has approximately 16,000 members. Yellow tail black cockatoos, kookaburras and several other bird species greeted us with their calls. Sonia was delighted to see two Tawny Frogmouths in their usual spot adjacent to the car park in from Gate 1.

Thank you again to the Gully Environment Network's ReGEN Op Shop that is a significant donor to FOAH. Two of the op shop's volunteers hours are donated to FOAH.

The recent major changes to the Department for Environment and Water and the previous AMLR NRM Board (now Landscape Boards) have meant that the Volunteer Support Officer Unit no longer exists. We thank all of the VSO's who have supported FOAH over many years. Park rangers will soon be meeting with members of Friends of Parks groups to discuss how volunteer groups will be supported in the state's National Parks reserves in the future.

This will be Keith's last FOAH newsletter. We thank Keith for all of his efforts in producing such an informative and interesting newsletter for all our members. We will miss his way with words! We wish Keith a safe, healthy and happy retirement from his many volunteer efforts with FOAH over the years.

Jim and I are having a 'tree change' and moving out of the area. We have enjoyed our association with Friends of Anstey Hill and value the support given to us especially by Wednesday volunteers, committee members, and our rangers.

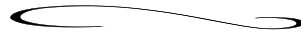
Thank you also to Keith Rendell, Nathan Lysaght and Mary Lane for their support.

Please consider supporting FOAH by volunteering on the committee.

We wish FOAH all the very best for the future.

Take care and stay well.

Lea Crosby
August 2020



Bushcare Report

Work undertaken during the period since returning from a 2 month break due to COVID-19 included:

- Preparation for Planting Day.
- Prepared about 400 holes ready for planting seedlings in 6 locations in the 2 weeks leading up to the day.
- Mary Lane sorted the seedlings which members had been nurturing since late last year. Most of the plants were looking quite healthy after some favourable growing conditions over summer and autumn. Mary also provided advice on the best location for each species.
- Members and their families arrived to enjoy a morning of planting seedlings in various locations around the Park. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a barbeque this year due to the restrictions.
- Follow Up Planting.
- The Bushcare group spent 2 Wednesdays planting the remainder of the seedlings left over from Planting Day plus some extra boxes provided by Mary Lane.
- Weed Control at various locations
- A trial spray of Bridal Creeper has been undertaken which will be monitored to gauge its success for future follow up work.
- Olive regrowth, boneseed, African Daisy and Cotton Bush have been removed from the Wednesday Loop from the Quarry Track to Boehm Walk.

Future priorities include:

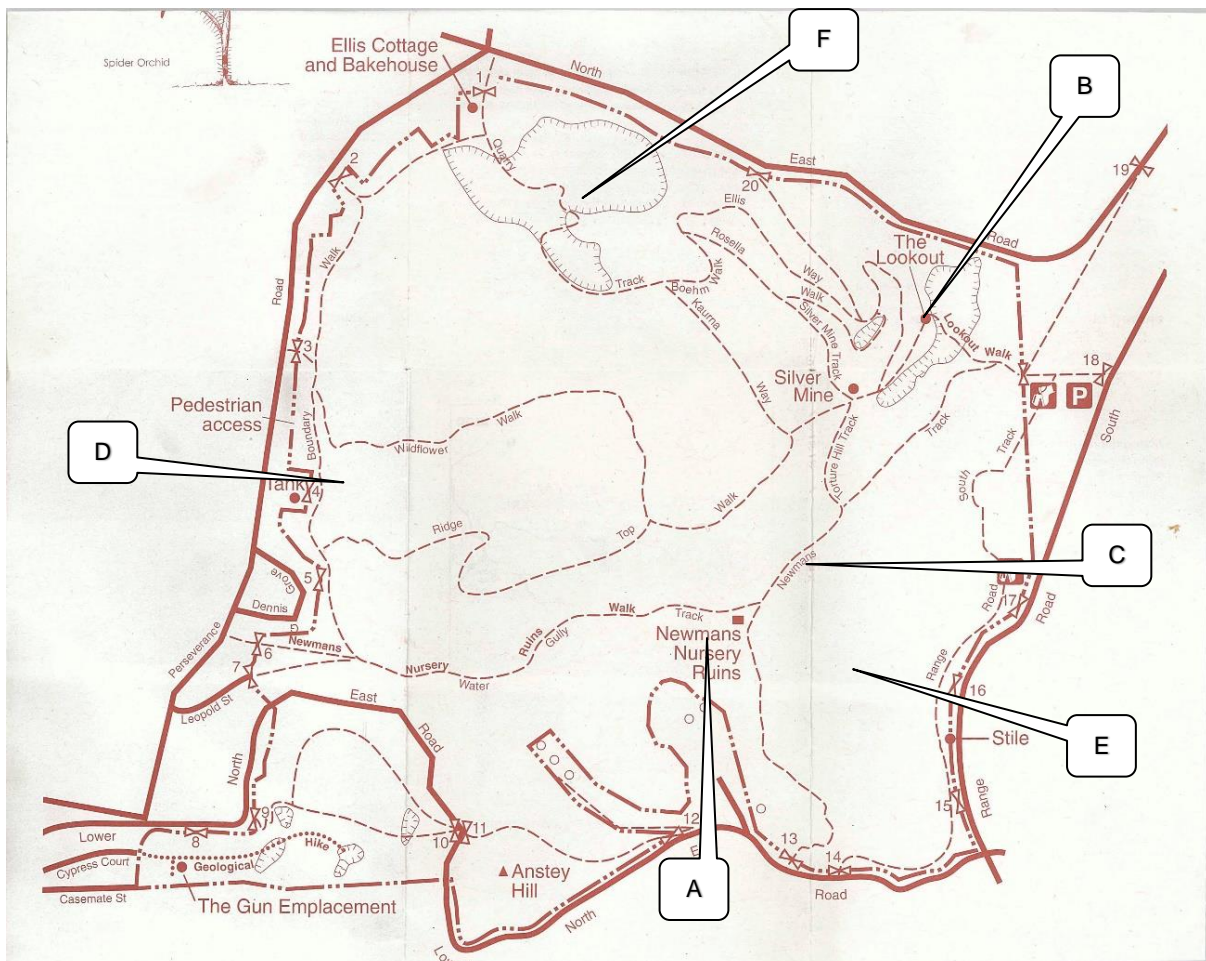
- Monitoring new plantings and hand water as necessary.
- Further weed control in various locations including Water Gully and Boundary Tracks.
- Removing old fencing, particularly those which include barbed wire strands.

Statistics for the Wednesday Bushcare Group from 27 May – 29 July 2020.

- 8 mornings worked.
- Total of 250.25 hours
- Average number of hours per morning is 31.3
- Average number of workers per morning is 10.9

Jim Crosby
August 2020

Where the Planting Day Activities Took Place



Planting Day Sunday 14th June 2020

Lea and Jim have already made comment on this successful function in their President's and Bushcare Reports above.

About 24 members and friends assembled at the Friends' Shed with over 400 seedlings to be planted at different locations within the park as specified in the following table.

| Site | Location | Seedlings | Members |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| A | Mound on southern side of ruins | 150 | 10 |
| B | Adjacent to Lookout | 100 | 5 |
| C | Newman's Track | 30 | 2 |
| D | Power Pad – Gate 4 | 75 | 3 |
| E | Power Pad – Gate 16 | 20 | 2 |
| F | Kindy Plantings– Gate 1 | 35 | 2 |
| | Total | 410 | 24 |

Some photographs from the Shed and sites A and B are shown below:





Areas around Lookout,
Site B



Native Orchid Calendar

Editor's Introduction.

Longstanding member Fiona Lewis has a fascination with the native orchids that are to be found within our park. She is also a keen and enthusiastic photographer. Fiona has prepared and provided an extensive article on this topic for the interest of members and for retention in FOAH archival records. This was first featured in the November 2019 issue of the FOAH Newsletter and a second instalment was published in the February 2020 issue. A third instalment was included in the May 2020 issue of the Newsletter. It is intended that the large calendar which Fiona and colleague Lisa Incoll have compiled will be comprehensively and progressively presented, with photographs, over a sequence of consecutive issues of the Newsletter.

In the absence of copy for publication from other members for any given issue Editor will be able to include a greater number of orchid photographs. Oh, the joy of editorial power! It's the only reason he covets the job! Perhaps covets isn't the right word! Tolerates could be more appropriate!

Fiona Reports this Month

Orchid season has begun! Already there are greenhoods of all sorts flowering beautifully. My orchid friend, Lisa and I have found species we haven't seen before. Slaty Helmets and Veined Helmets are currently flowering and Midge orchids and Parsons Bands have now finished. It looks like being an amazing year!

I have attached the helmet photos. See below.

Fiona Lewis
August 2020



Slaty Helmet Orchid
Coryanthes incurvus



Veined Helmet Orchid
Coryanthes diemenicus

Progressively Updated Native Orchid Calendar

- Mosquito Orchid; April to August – was featured on page 12 of Newsletter # 1/2020.
- Blood Greenhood Orchid; April to September – was featured on page 12 of Newsletter # 1/2020.
- Large Shell Orchid; May to August – was featured on page 12 of Newsletter # 1/2020.
- Banded Greenhood; June to September – was featured on page 19 of Newsletter # 2/2020.
- Nodding Greenhood; June to November – was featured on page 19 of Newsletter # 2/2020.
- Maroonhood; July to September – was featured on page 19 of Newsletter # 2/2020.
- Dwarf Greenhood; July to October – was featured on page 17 of Newsletter # 3/2020.
- Spotted Donkey; July to October – was featured on page 17 of Newsletter # 3/2020.
- Bluebeard; July to October – was featured on page 17 of Newsletter # 3/2020.
- Slaty Helmet – is featured on page 9 of this Newsletter # 4/2020.
- Veined Helmet – is featured on page 9 of this Newsletter # 4/2020.

It is planned to progressively present the following orchids in future issues of the Newsletter:

- Veined Spider; August to October
- Notched Onion Orchid; August to November
- Gnat Orchid; August to November
- Purple Cockatoo; August to November
- Lemon Sun Orchid; August to November
- Bearded Greenhood; September to October
- Woodland Onion Orchid; September to November
- Yellow Sun Orchid; September to October
- Great Sun Orchid; September to November
- Salmon Sun Orchid; September to October
- Slender Blue Sun Orchid; September to October
- Small White Sun Orchid; September to October
- Pink Fingers; September to October
- Blue Spotted Sun Orchid; September to November
- Pepper Top; September to November
- Wallflower Donkey; September to November
- Hare Orchid; September to November (rarely flowers)
- King Spider; September to December
- Narrow Leafed Spider; September to December



Membership Form for Year 2019-20



Membership Form and Donation Advice (for year ending 30 Sept. 2020)
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Please indicate membership category by ticking appropriate boxes:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Single concession* | \$12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family* | \$16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family concession* | \$14 |

Note: * Standard definition for concession/family apply.

- ☐ Group \$22 community association/club, business, government body etc.

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

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (mob) _____

Email: _____

For family memberships, please feel free to add additional names and email addresses so that all family members can be 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 (approx. 4 each year), please let us know.

Payment methods:

☐ direct debit pay by mail (see below)

1. 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 'membership fees, your surname and initials'

Post this form or, alternatively, email the above details to
anstey.friends@gmail.com

2. Mail this form together with your cheque/money order/cash (no coins please) to the above address. *(as our postal address is a PO box, it should be safe to mail cash, although other forms of payment are preferred)*

For more information on FOAH refer to <http://www.communitywebs.org/friendsofansteyhill>

Volunteer safety reminder: if you intend to help us undertake activities in the park, you are required to complete a Department for Environment and Water 'Volunteer Activity Registration Form' which can be accessed via our website.

Submit the completed form either via email or post (see address above).

