



Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks

Diary Dates

Thursday September 9th

Horehound control at
September Beach, Surfleet
Cove and Stamford Hill.

Sunday September 26th

Control of Polygala at a site
to be determined

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FOSEPP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

About 30 members gathered at Donington Cottage in lovely spring-like weather on Sunday August 15, to celebrate the 25 years that FOSEPP has been active in Lower EP parks. FOSEPP was formed in 1995, so we actually turned 25 last year, but COVID restrictions put a halt to any celebrations at that time.

A few of our very early members were able to be present on the day, namely Chris and Ian Abbott, and Lana and Peter Sheridan. Di DeLaine, our inaugural President, was also able to front up for a short while, with husband Bob out in the Park for some respite.

Special recognition was made of some early members who had a major influence in getting our group up and running, including deceased members Barney and Sally Williams, Brian Clarke and Dean Jacobs.



PREMIER'S CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES KYM MONTOKA'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

A special feature of our 25th anniversary celebration was the presentation of the Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service to our hard-working member Kym Montoya. The hours that Kym has put in on projects in Lincoln National Park and other parks in our region over the past few years are monumental, and we are most fortunate to have Kym in our group. Well done Kym, a very well deserved reward and recognition.

Photos of early activities and personalities sparked a few memories and provided an interesting topic for discussion.





CONSERVATION DIVIDEND FROM KATA AND BELLE

Our club finances were bolstered recently with a \$540 contribution from Kata and Belle, based on the first year's operation of its eco-tourism sites in Lincoln National Park, i.e. the "glamping" sites at September Beach and the Donington Cottage accommodation. Many thanks to Georgie Fowler and Kata and Belle.

Committee has decided to allocate these funds and future contributions towards the Donington Loop self-guided walk project, which we are currently developing.

WALKING TRAILS COORDINATOR WANTED

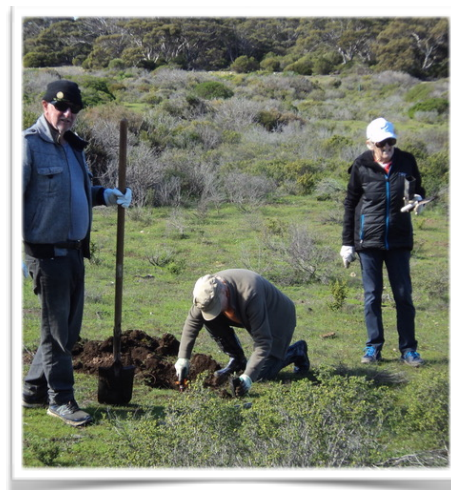
Bob DeLaine has had to resign from the role of Walking Trails Coordinator, due to ill health and on-going treatment. So there is a vacancy for a motivated member to take on this vital role, in order to keep our walking trail network in great condition.

Please note that this doesn't involve you having to do all the hard yards yourself. But you will be the contact person for our team of trail maintenance volunteers, helping them with any problem areas, and liaising with committee and Park rangers for any difficult trail tasks.

To find out more, contact Kym Montoya ([0417 277 711](tel:0417277711)) or Jim Egan ([0448 412 992](tel:0448412992)).

PAST WORKING BEES

By the time you see this newsletter, our planting program for 2021 should be completed, with new plantings at Wanna Flat, Carcase Rock track turnoff, and Donington Beach. This is later than we would normally plan to have all our seedlings in the ground, but we have been delayed by a mix of issues - late break to the season, COVID lockdown, and severe weather. But hopefully the forecast of good spring rains will prove correct, to give the new plantings a chance to establish well before summer hits.



FUTURE WORKING BEES

So now we can turn our attention to other issues, particularly curbing weeds in the Park.

The next working bee is planned for **Thursday September 9**, to control the horehound at September Beach, Surfleet Cove and Stamford Hill.

Then another on **Sunday September 26**, most likely to have another crack at our old favourite, Polygala.

Mark these dates in your diary now, and watch for emails closer to the dates for updated details on these two events.

New members welcome. Hope to see you there.