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To Friends of Parks Groups Presidents & Secretaries

GOLD PASS (FORMERLY GOLD LIFE ENTITLEMENT CARD)

Friends of Parks Inc. members who attended the Annual General Meeting on 16 May, 2016, would recall the announcement that the Director of National Parks and Wildlife, John Schutz, has offered a Gold Pass (formerly known as the Gold Life Entitlement Pass) to all Friends of Parks members who have been an active member for fifteen years or more.

This offer is in recognition of the very significant and valuable contribution to the Friends of Parks goal of helping to manage the States' parks and reserves on behalf of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR).

The Gold Pass allows the cardholder a concession to the following facilities of DEWNR:

- Free entry to all parks in the State, where vehicle entry fees apply
- Free entry to all parks in the State, where personal access fees apply
- Free camping up to five nights in any one location at any one time
- 50% concession on the use of facilities in parks
- Free guided tours where applicable

The Pass comes in two parts - a plastic card for your wallet/purse, and a dashboard card. When arriving at any of the Parks where fees apply for entry or facilities, the dashboard card must be clearly displayed on the vehicle dashboard. The smaller wallet card is produced when entering DEWNR's commercial sites e.g. Cleland Wildlife Park.

Please ensure that nomination forms for a Gold Pass are completed by your members who meet the criteria (which includes activities such as attending working bees, promotional events, and meetings, but does not include only financial members unless they have been actively involved in the past), then endorsed by yourself, and forwarded by email or mail to Pam Smith, Volunteer Support Programs Unit: pamela.smith@sa.gov.au / GPO Box 1047, ADELAIDE SA 5001. Please note that a number of Gold Cards have been previously presented so your members will be asked if they have already received one. Please note the plastic card will contain a printed name, so it is one card per person (not per couple).

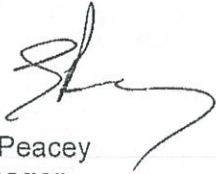
It will be up to the group Secretary/Membership Officer to keep a full list of cards requested and returned. The card is issued for your group members' personal use (and immediate family, in the company of the card holder) and the card is not to be loaned to anyone else. If

a group member passes away, you will need to seek the return of both cards and forward them to the Volunteer Support Programs Unit.

Please note that it might take several months for your eligible group members to receive their Gold Pass. Please continue to provide your unique group number to active group members from 1 July 2016 onwards (those who previously were issued with a Multi Parks Pass +Camping, and new members who are active) when making their online bookings.

I hope that your members will enjoy the benefits of the State's National Parks with this Gold Pass, and wish you the very best for the future.

Regards



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Manager

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