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	Hon. David Wotton AM
	Mr Dene Cordes PSM OAM
Patron -	Mrs Jean McLaren
Life Members -	Mr Brian DuBois and Mrs Noeline DuBois
	Mr David Mitchell AM and Mrs Margie Mitchell

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this article, I am watching our family of mud larks with their two young, feeding in our backyard. They are alongside our magpie family – three young – also feeding and occasionally having 'a go' at each other. Both families have been a part of our life for many years and nest in trees near our garden. I know when they are nesting when I see them taking worms etc. to their nesting tree.

In the past few years, they have 'adapted' to living in close proximity to us by feeding from our (ancient) cats food bowl. The cat and birds take it in turns to feed at the bowl and our food bill for cat food has risen remarkably – Aldi loves us!! I guess we have to put up with this added expense, as the mud larks tend to keep the noisy miners 'in place'.

Our birds and other wildlife provide us with a little sense of normality in this 'crazy' year of coronavirus. My monthly calendar abounds in 'cross outs' as meetings are cancelled or venues suddenly changed. I find it hard to think of 'ZOOM' and 'Team' meetings via computer as the new normal. Our last Friends of Parks Inc. Board meeting was a mini disaster for me as my WIFI etc. was playing up and most of the time I was unable to hear or understand what people were saying.

Most of the FOP Group AGMs and end of year meetings have been cancelled but the FAIBS AGM did go ahead, although the venue was altered at the last moment. The meeting was very well attended with an excellent speaker, but no food!

With the relaxation on restrictions, just about all FOP Groups are now back working in their parks and reserves and I would like to offer thanks to all those volunteers who have continued to maintain the administration of their groups during the lock-downs. Just about all groups continued with their newsletters, keeping members informed and updated, and our great team of DEW staff have maintained the flow of emails to the groups.

In regard to newsletters, the 'flow' hasn't seemed to slow and I read every one I receive. They contain so much interesting information and news that it is easy to miss some of the 'little gems' of information. As an example, in the Summer 2020 Newsletter of the Friends of Waite Conservation Reserve Inc. there is an article on page 6 describing an interesting donation that will go towards important works on the Reserve. The donation of \$5,000 resulted from a member being approached by a walker, somewhat disoriented by the signage. The FOP member apologised and courteously explained that they were aware of signage deficiencies but that recent budget constraints precluded them from remedying the situation.

Imagine the Group's shock, when a few days later they received a donation of \$5,000 to make good all the issues. This is a prime example of good customer service on the part of FOP. The group member spent time talking to the walker and fully explained the problems and apologised for the inconvenience.

In this day and age, you can 'never judge a book by its cover'!! You really don't know when you are talking to a stranger, their background and interests. Treat everyone you talk to on 'your patch' as a potential donor and always remember that customer service is one of the prime areas that attract people to our parks.

In May this year, the Minister for Environment and Water launched a \$5 million Nature-based Tourism Co-investment fund, which will provide grants to organisations to establish well-planned and sustainable experiences in South Australia's national parks and other public lands.

The Fund was developed on advice from the recently formed "Nature Based Tourism Reference Group", comprising representatives of the tourism industry, state and local government, the conservation sector and the Friends of Parks Board. FOP groups will be actively engaged in consultation on proposals, in line with the "Friends of Parks Engagement Charter", developed with DEW in August 2019.

The Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, has set a new course for conserving our state's natural environment with the release of the "Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020" in November 2020. The Statement has been developed using leading practice principles from international and national sources, with input from an internal Working Group comprising representatives of the strategy, Partnerships, and Conservation Threatened Species teams.

In September 2020, DEW announced that 650 hectares [GP1] had been added to the parks system - Canunda National Park, Carpenter Rocks Conservation Park, Para Wirra Conservation Park, and Charleston Conservation Park. These lands were acquired through a mix of government funding, philanthropic support, and grants from the Native Vegetation Council.

2019/2020 has also been a year of growth for the FOP in that the following groups were added to 'our FOP Family': Friends of Windara Reef; Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary Action Group; Williamstown & Lyndoch Landcare Group Inc.; Marine Life Society of South Australia Inc.; Friends of Minda Dunes; Friends of Scott Conservation Park (re-listed); and Friends of Torrens Island (membership upgraded to Full Member); Semaphore Largs Dunes Group; Big Heart Adventures; NPWS Volunteer Rangers; Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries Inc.; Estuary Care Foundation; and Friends of Murray Mallee Parks.

Another addition to our Parks system was the formation of the '100 Volunteer Park Rangers' Program introduced in October 2019. I have to say that DEW has done an excellent job in recruiting, training and developing a range of activities for the Volunteer Rangers in our Parks, by October 2020.

Our FOP Marketing Sub-committee, led by FOP Board member Carole Pinnock, and working in conjunction with Treetop Web Studio, has worked tirelessly to produce a totally new website that is now 'live'. Our Facebook page has over 2000 followers and over 2000 'likes' and our Instagram page has 599 followers.

In regard to the proposed new Planning and Design Code, Board member Carole Pinnock has produced a remarkably detailed eight-page submission on behalf of your Board. The effort to extend the planning system to parks and reserves faces unique challenges and we hope that Carole's submission will assist that process.

By the time you read this newsletter, the 2020-21 Volunteer Support Grants Assessment Panel will have finished their deliberations on the distribution of \$90,000 of grant funds. The grants were so well supported that we received applications worth almost \$200,000, which made the final decision very difficult - the applications were of a very high calibre this year with outstanding park-related projects and activities.

The FOP couldn't exist without the strong support of our partner DEW, through the NPWS. Pam Smith - as the Secretary to the Board - provides all the day-to-day contact with the FOP groups supported by Gill Peacey (Manager, Volunteer Programs Unit) and Ian Radbone (Co-ordinator, Volunteer Partnerships and Strategy). In

addition, we very much appreciate the support of Mike Williams (Executive Director NPWS) who usually attends our Board meetings and Grant Pelton (Director, National Parks and Crown Lands).

The Corona virus prevented us having a 2020 Friends of Parks Forum in September and we are now planning to target the next Forum for 2022.

I would like to thank all members of the FOP Board for their support of our great organisation over the past year and in addition I wish to thank to our partner DEW for their unstinting support of all we do – it is VERY much appreciated.

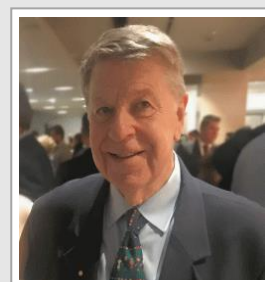
Your Board will keep you apprised of any new opportunities that may arise over the coming year and if you read all of Pam Smiths 'Weekly Email Mailouts' then I guarantee you will be up-to-date in respect to what is the latest news concerning our parks, the environment and conservation in general.

All in all it has been a tough year for the FOP and the environment in general. However if we spend all our time 'down in the dumps' worrying about situations we can't change then it is our wonderful parks system that will suffer. Thankfully, it seems to me that the FOP membership is mainly composed of volunteers who just want to get 'back into it' and help make our Park system the best in Australia – what a wonderful challenge!!

Thank you most sincerely for your continuing support of your FOP Board, for your very valued support of our major partner DEW and of course, your unstinting work and dedication towards the environment.



Duncan MacKenzie OAM  
President  
FRIENDS OF PARKS INC.



*Volunteers working for conservation*

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT and REQUEST FROM THE PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF PARKS INC. BOARD

Dear Readers

I'm sure that you were all shocked about the bushfire season that earlier this year affected much of this country's population, farmland, and natural habitat.

For our fantastic national parks and all of the plants and animals they are set aside for, the fires have been absolutely catastrophic. What survived the direct flames and heat of the fires now face an uncertain future just to survive.

Friends of Parks SA is a community organisation that is over 30 years old, and is dedicated solely to assist the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) in managing the State's national parks and reserves. 135 Friends of Parks groups state-wide are involved directly with on-park activities, such as weed eradication, feral animal control, habitat restoration, wildlife survey and monitoring - to name just a few.

DEW is assessing the ecological and infrastructure impacts to each of the affected parks, and is working closely with the relevant Friends groups and other community organisations to plan the recovery activities, many of which will need to be carefully timed and sequenced.

Friends of Parks groups may be requested to provide assistance with tasks such as seed collection, growing seedlings, weed control and planting events and the Friends of Parks Board will be working closely with DEW and keep communicating with groups about how they can be involved into the bushfire recovery.

The Friends of Parks Board has unanimously agreed that this catastrophic situation affecting so many of our parks and their biodiversity, must be met with strong and immediate action.

As a result the Board agreed that it will dedicate the Board's tax deductible '**Gift Fund**' for a period of two years to help fund post fire recovery activities undertaken by our member groups

Any Friends of Parks Member Group can apply to the **Gift Fund Committee** for funding, if the parks they are involved in has been impacted by the fires.

Tax deductible donations to help the Friends of Parks groups to continue their post fire recovery work can be made by completing a simple form and forwarding to:

With a cheque to: Treasurer, Gift Fund  
Friends of Parks Inc.  
c/- the Secretariat, Volunteer Programs Unit,  
GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001.

Or by bank deposit (please also fill in the form so that we know where to send your receipt):

Name of Account: Friends of Parks Inc. Gift Fund  
BSB: 805 050  
Account Number: 2339333  
Bank: People's Choice Credit Union

The form can be found on the Friends of Parks SA website:

<http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/>

Thank you for your consideration and support. The recovery in those parks affected will be a slow process for plants and animals re-populating these areas, and the community support that will be required.

Regards

Duncan MacKenzie  
PRESIDENT  
**FRIENDS OF PARKS INC.**

Donations to the Gift Fund from the following persons or groups are gratefully acknowledged:

Mike Hopkins  
Friends of Southern Eyre Peninsula Parks  
Our Lady Queen Of Peace School

and

gift from one anonymous donor  
gift from two partnered anonymous donors

## New Friends of Parks Inc. Member Groups

We welcome the following as new member groups and trust that your involvement with Friends of Parks will be long and mutually beneficial.

### Full Member Groups

April 2020

Friends of Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network

August 2020

NPWS Volunteer Rangers

Friends of Murray Mallee Parks

Estuary Care Foundation Inc.

Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries Inc. (EMS)

December 2020

Semaphore Largs Dunes Group

Big Heart Adventures

... and note that there are about a dozen more groups which have made initial contact, which we hope to be able to tell you about in the future eNews.

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## Items from our member groups newsletters, supplied literature and information

### Silver anniversary for Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

[from the DEW blog The Weekly of 25 November 2020. Text author and photographer not provided]

National Parks and Wildlife Services South Australia (NPWSSA) Limestone Coast staff recently gathered to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks in recognition of the group's long term service provided to NPWSSA and the community.



Limestone Coast National Parks and Wildlife Manager Nick McIntyre and Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks President Kevin Mott

A lunchtime event was held at Telfords Scrub Conservation Park, which included the presentation of congratulations letters from the Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs along with 25 year, 20 year and 10 year service certificates and badges.

Limestone Coast National Parks and Wildlife Manager Nick McIntyre attended the event and along with Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks President Kevin Mott presented certificates and acknowledgements to the group.

'The Friends of group continues to be active having contributed more than 5000 hours of voluntary work since its inception,' Nick said.

'There are four members who have been a part of the group since its inception.

'A lot of reminiscing occurred over lunch about the many interesting projects completed, successful funding grants and humorous moments experienced.

'One theme that continues to be as apparent since its formation 25 years ago is the great enjoyment experienced by our Friends volunteers when working outdoors and participating in fulfilling and meaningful NPWSSA work.'



## Report on 25th Anniversary of Mount Gambier Area Friends of Parks

[from email sent 22 November 2020 to VPU by Jim and Debbie Prescott]

On Saturday 15th November 2020, exactly 25 years since its inception, members of the Mount Gambier Area Friends of Parks celebrated its 25th anniversary. About 16 people met at Telford Scrub Conservation Park for a picnic and to note some of the significant people and events since its inaugural meeting on 15 November 1995.

The longest serving members were presented with letters and certificates of appreciation. The inaugural treasurer, Maureen Christie, the current president Kevin Mott, Jean Haywood and Bryan Haywood were recognised for 25 years of service.

Other recipients of certificates were: Linley Bowyer (20 years); Ian Kenny (10 years); Tania Rajic (10 years); and Des Pluckhahn (10 years). The Friends group also received a certificate for 25 years of service, presented by Nick McIntyre, Parks and Wildlife Manager for National Parks.

Since 2003 members have worked about 3,800 hours in projects such as erecting signage and removing feral pine trees at Penambol Conservation Park, planting and maintaining native trees and shrubs at Lake Bonney, and installing steps at Cape Banks lighthouse to protect the sand dunes from erosion and destruction of bird habitat.

Penambol Conservation Park is next to the Caroline Sinkhole and the Friends group built the Wombat Walk and maintains the Butterfly walk that is very popular with the community. School groups and community groups such as The Junction sometimes join the Friends at their working bees.

The Friends usually have their working bees on the first Saturday of every month. You can get in touch with this group on its web page: <https://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/members/members-directory/friends-of-mount-gambier-area-parks/>



Rosey presenting Kevin Mott's 25 year certificate to him



Nick McIntyre on the left and Kevin presenting Des Pluckhahn with his 10 year certificate



Jean Haywood and her grandson Bryan have also served the group for 25 years each

## Going green in the laundry



[ From Friends of the Coorong newsletter of Spring 2020



] With their lengthy ingredient lists and chemical aromas, laundry products present a challenge for even the most eco-friendly shoppers.

Phosphates are a common ingredient in detergents and contain phosphorus which causes algal blooms that are seriously detrimental to our waterways.

Other ingredients such as sodium carbonate, optical brighteners, surfactants, chlorine-based bleaching agents and those derived from palm oil and petrochemicals can also harm aquatic life when used in sufficient quantities. These ingredients tend to be non-biodegradable.

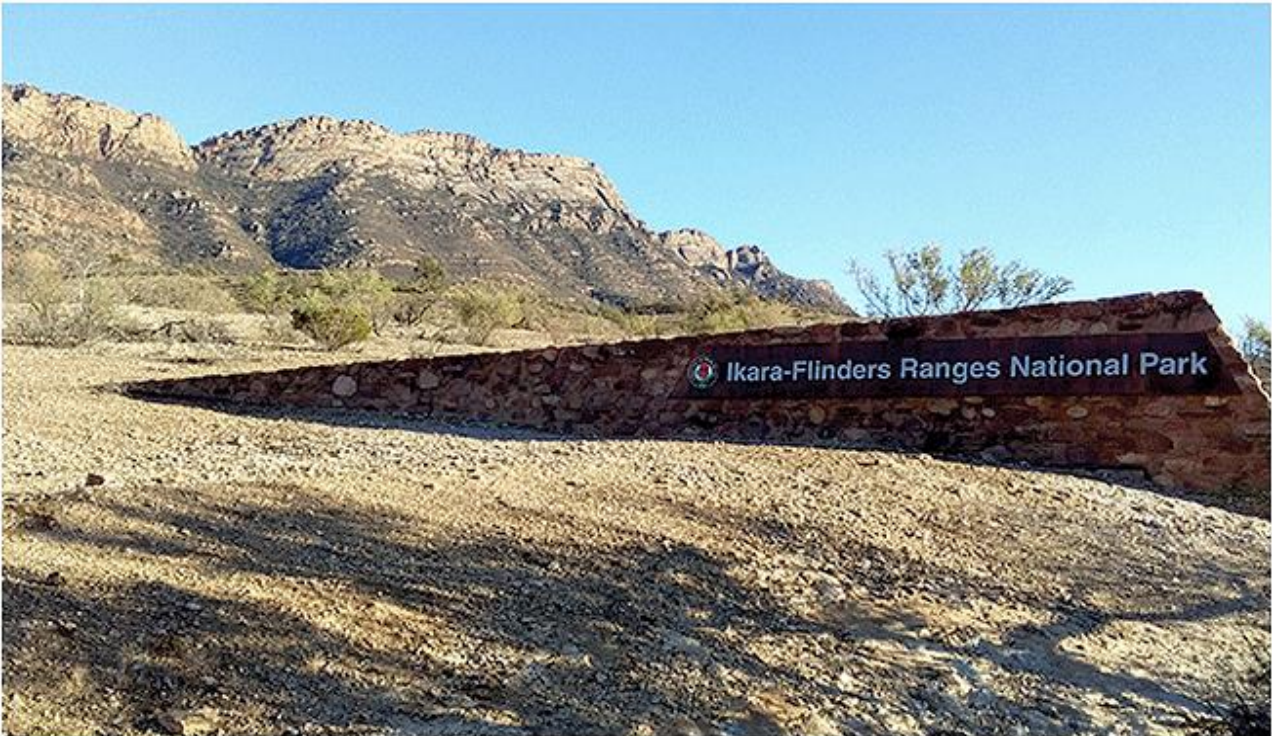
The good news is there are plenty of alternatives for environmentally friendly products. Look for biodegradable certification, plant-based ingredients, and solvent-free non-petroleum based ingredients.

A concentrated formula may have the added benefit of less packaging, fewer chemicals per wash and a smaller carbon footprint for transportation. Most eco-friendly products are not tested on animals.

## Parks Renewal Investment Program showing early benefits

[extracts from the DEW blog The Weekly of 22 July 2020 edition 375. Text author and photographer not provided]

Six Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park entry statements have recently been upgraded, an early benefit of the Parks Renewal Investment Program announced at the 2019 State Budget.



The investment program will result in upgrades and improvements to existing park visitor facilities across the state such as day visitor sites, campgrounds, toilets, trails and signage. A total of \$3.3 million funding was announced for the first four years, with \$2 million annually from 2023-24 onwards.

The upgrade of the entry statements at Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park was one of the first projects to be completed.

The original entry statement lettering had deteriorated and peeled, which didn't provide a good first impression of the park. Also with the park being co-named in November 2015 to acknowledge the Adnyamathanha people's cultural connection, a change to the park name on the entry statements was also required.

Local staff worked with the Project and Asset Services Unit to replace the old lettering with new aluminium lettering to increase the asset's longevity. Each entry statement was also rebadged with the National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia (NPWSSA) logo, and the new entry statements acknowledge the co-naming of the park and provide visitors with a much improved sense of arrival.

Now the Parks Renewal Investment Program focus for Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park will switch to campgrounds, day visitor site and trails improvements.

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## Malleefowl on the wrong track

[Extract from the Alinytjara Wiurara Landscape Board's [Winter 2020 newsletter PALYA!](#) Unfortunately, text author and photographer are not explicitly provided - but thank you to whoever you are.

Back-numbers of PALYA! beautifully produced newsletters can be accessed at <https://landscape.sa.gov.au/aw/about-us/Alinytjara-wilurara-team> ]



# Malleefowl on the wrong track

COVID-19 travel restrictions gave false sense of security to Malleefowl on Googs Track

Malleefowl took the opportunity during this quiet period to begin building their mound in the soft sand on the vehicle track.

Unfortunately several vehicles had driven over the mound and so it will likely be abandoned.

“Unfortunately there’s no way to divert the track safely as travellers from the north can’t see the mound as they drive up over the dune crest.

In late May, Alinytjara Wilurara’s Ecologist Brett Backhouse and Sustainable Community Coordinator Karrena Veltman travelled (in separate vehicles to be COVID-19 safe) to Yellabinna Regional Reserve to set up remote sensor cameras and monitor activity around Malleefowl mounds.

“It was a pleasure to be able to get back out in the field for a few days after months of being based in the Ceduna office due to the COVID-19 restrictions” said Karrena.

The pair visited several mounds that AW have monitored since last year’s breeding season and were happy to see evidence of Malleefowl activity at most of the locations.

Unfortunately fox and cat prints were also plentiful on dune crests and around Malleefowl mounds.

Images previously captured by the motion sensor cameras confirm the interest of feral animals in both the eggs and malleefowl chicks.

With COVID-19 restrictions significantly reducing visits to the Park, Googs track had not been driven on since January 2020.

“Still, it is good to see that the Malleefowl are actively preparing their nests for incubation over the months leading up to September.

“The country is really dry but signs of light rain are evident. Hopefully winter will kick in soon and conditions will be wet enough for \*egg incubation in September,” said Karrena.

This project was supported by the AW NRM Board with funds from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program.

AW’s Ecologist Brett Backhouse examines the contents of the mound



The mix of leaf and other fine litter collected to form the huge mounds takes an dedicated effort by prospective malleefowl parents. Moisture is required for decomposition of the leaf litter creating warmth for the incubating eggs.



\* Evidence of light rain marks the sand around this Ooldea Guinea-flower (Hibbertia crispula) bush





## Mid North landscapes set to thrive

[from DEW blog *The Weekly* edition 385. Text author and photographer not provided]

Three landholders in South Australia's Mid North are set to see significant improvements in the condition of native vegetation on their properties through a new State Government biodiversity program.



Thriving regeneration in a semi-arid landscape after good rainfall and stock exclusion at Dean Hooper's site near Quorn. The Biodiversity Credit Exchange gives eligible landholders access to funding to protect, manage and restore areas of native vegetation on their land in order to generate biodiversity credits.

These credits are then sold at cost to developers who are required to offset vegetation clearances in the same region, or to philanthropists who wish to support conservation action.

DEW administers the Biodiversity Credit Exchange and a general credit program that can be accessed by most landholders.

Native Vegetation Branch officers Zita Fewster and Alice Everitt recently visited two exchange sites in the Mid North which revealed a rich diversity of native plant life thriving after stock exclusion, pest management and good rainfall.

Native Vegetation Council Presiding Member Emily Jenke said these are sites that were struggling last year due to lack of rainfall and grazing pressures and are now regenerating, with new growth, flowering and abundant native herbs coming up.

Emily explained that earlier this year, the Native Vegetation Council approved tender bids for the conservation and management of the sites.

'In exchange, the Native Vegetation Council is now the 'credit' holder for 655 hectares of land at Willochra, 157ha near Mount Brown and 10ha near the Tothill Range,' she said.

'Collectively these sites protect eight diverse native vegetation types including River Red Gum riparian woodland, various mallee woodlands, Peppermint Box woodland and chenopod shrublands.

'With continued stock exclusion and control of threats, these large areas will become strongholds for conservation,' she said.

The sites are now being managed by the landholders to conserve and improve the vegetation in perpetuity, with the support of an annual payment from the Native Vegetation Council over a 10-year management plan period.

Future management includes maintaining fences, control of total grazing pressure through pest control and kangaroo management, weed control and active revegetation of some areas that were degraded or cleared in the past.

Credits are based on a point score, derived using an assessment of the initial conservation value and condition of the vegetation at the site. When credit points are approved by the Native Vegetation Council, the management of that land must then significantly improve vegetation condition or extent.

For more information about the Biodiversity Credit Exchange visit the [DEW website](#).

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## Appeal for Help - Volunteers Needed for Adaptive Management Predator Experiment

[email to VPU received 1 July 2020 from Murray Mallee Local Action Planning (MMLAP)]

Are you interested in doing trips to collect SD cards from cameras in the Malleefowl grids across the mallee?

Or perhaps to sort photos from these cameras with your computer at home?

We have opportunities for both of these Volunteer roles throughout the year. We try to visit the cameras every three months so there are trips out in the field in every season. The photo sorting is done year round as well.

If you would like more info on the project and how you could be involved please get in touch with Rowena (ph.0428 312 055 | [mmlap@internode.on.net](mailto:mmlap@internode.on.net))

Volunteers Needed for Adaptive Management Predator Experiment



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## New direction for nature conservation in SA

[from DEW blog *The Weekly* #384 2 December 2020. Text author and photographer not provided.]

The Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs MP has set a new course for conserving our state's natural environment with the release of the Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020 last month.



The new Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020 provides focus for state and federal funding

The new Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020 sets a vision for all South Australians to conserve nature in a rapidly changing world.

It's been developed using leading practice principles from international and national sources, with input from an internal Working Group comprising representatives of the Strategy, Partnerships, and Conservation and Threatened Species teams.

Importantly, the Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020 provides focus for state and federal funding and assists in identifying species where recovery plans are required in the face of a changing climate.

It will be implemented through an action plan where priorities are addressed according to a strong evidence base.

The principles on which the Nature Conservation Directions Statement rely are also aligned to other significant initiatives, including:

- the establishment of regional Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide
- the development of the upcoming South Australian Climate Change Action Plan
- the work of the Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery Taskforce
- the development of a new South Australian Wellbeing Strategy.

For further information about the [Nature Conservation Directions Statement 2020](#) contact DEW Strategy Branch Principal Adviser [Dr Monika Stasiak](#).

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## Timely advice about Snakes

[Article in Friends of Belair NP Inc's QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2020, author Pete Raine]

Snakey Sunday 20 September 2020 – because I saw my first snake for the season and it was awesome! Let's talk about our serpentine friends and share some salient snake snippets....

There are 36 species of Joe Blakes in South Australia (including marine species) All snakes are 'reactive'. That means they don't plan to bite or harm a human, but if you're in its escape route; you should give it space. It wants to get away, because it can't eat you or mate with you. They will try and avoid confrontation The average size of a Brown Snake's fangs is 2.8mm, and the fangs are not like a hypodermic needle, the venom discharges from the back, above the tip (so wearing long pants of 'heavy material' will avoid envenomation to the skin) 75% of initial strikes are 'dry' with not a drop of venom injected – they save that for prey that can be eaten later. 90% of bites that envenomate, are the result of people (usually male, often intoxicated) who are trying to catch or kill the snake There are around 3,000 snakebites in Australia each year, with recent figures showing around 550 hospitalisations and an average of TWO deaths per annum. All snakes are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (NPW Act), so you are breaking the law to kill it. If it's in the bush, give a snake some space and feel lucky to see it. If it's in your house or yard, call an authorised snake catcher. Snakes are awesome, special creatures with as much right to live here as us - we live in the urban / bush interface, so they are a part of life in Belair, but respect them.

Information from my notes from Geoff Coombe – Living with Wildlife, RFDS – Snakebite Statistics 2020 and Google/Wiki <https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/news/outback-survival-snakes-and-snakebites/>

-Pete Raine



Brown snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*) Photos : Bevin Scholz

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## Flinders Ranges Purple Spotted Gudgeon (*Mogurnda Clivicola*) Fish Translocation

[contributed by Martin Caon, President, Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park (V-GRNP) Inc.]

Rob Brandle (Senior Ecologist with the Department of Environment and Water, Port Augusta) has obtained approval from the Co-Management Board of V-GRNP to translocate some of the Flinders Ranges Mogurnda (FRM or the fish) to another location in the Flinders Ranges to provide a refuge population for the species. Establishing another population of fish will reduce the risk that the Flinders Ranges Mogurnda will become extinct if an untoward event affects the Weetootla population. The reason that The Friends measure the water quality in the springs inhabited by fish is to gain an understanding of the requirements of the fish so that a potential insurance population at a refuge site can be established in a suitable body of water. Monitoring the fish also allows us to understand the status and health of the current fish population.

Approval has also been given to do some genetic analysis on the fish to determine whether the fish at Weetootla and Nepouie are from the same population. Some people think that the fish in Nepouie were placed there in the 1970s by someone who took fish from the Weetootla population. Rob Brandle has engaged Mark Lethbridge (from Flinders University) to assess habitats, develop a translocation plan, and manage the translocations as part of the translocation planning process. Mark will also collect some genetic material from the fish at the Weetootla, Yuwanhinya and Nepouie Springs. Rob Brandle has asked whether the Friends group would be interested in monitoring the translocated populations of FRM post establishment as an adjunct to the monitoring work we do in Vulkathunha. Our Friends group is very keen to be involved.

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## Tuesday 2nd February is World Wetlands Day

[from Friends of Scott Creek CP Bandicoots newsletter #181 of December 2020. Text author not provided.]

Wetlands and Biodiversity is the theme for 2020. Wetlands are rich with biodiversity and are a habitat for a dense variety of plant and animal species. Latest estimates show a global decline of biodiversity, while wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests. This year's theme is a unique opportunity to highlight wetland biodiversity, its status, why it matters and promote actions to reverse its loss.

2 February each year is World Wetlands Day to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and our planet. This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

Wetlands are land areas that are saturated or flooded with water either permanently or seasonally. Inland wetlands include marshes, ponds, lakes, fens, rivers, floodplains, and swamps. Coastal wetlands include saltwater marshes, estuaries, mangroves, lagoons and even coral reefs. Fish ponds, rice paddies, and saltpans are human-made wetlands.



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## Items contributed by members and others - to whom special thanks

### Walking Trails Support Group – 20 years on

[from Rob Marshall, president of the Walking Trails Support Group (WTSG)]

Build a road and it will get used. Form a walking track and it will get used. Our objective has been to provide interpretation along sustainable access ways in natural areas.

Sustainable access suggests manageable impact. Opportunistic access often produces alignments which ignore the lie of the land and result in significant environmental degradation by erosion. Walking tracks inevitably capture water which should, and can, be picked up by simple cross-track earth interception drains. These ends can only be achieved by establishing properly graded tracks accounting for the lie of the land. Much of our annual activity is regular maintenance.

The best interpretation is one on one, which is not always possible. A leaflet, book or WTSG's downloaded App\* is the link to stimulating interest in the natural world, which everyone needs. Visitors tell us they love walk information while walking or by the campfire. It is our offset for the acknowledged tedium of 'clearing one more drain'!



An appreciative party taking in the view from the information plate on The Dutchmans Stern



Three cross-track earth drains in a row

\* Flinders Ranges Walks App

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## Discover the Flinders Ranges App

[submitted by Bob Geary, Project Manager (volunteer), Discover the Flinders Ranges, [Friends of the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park Inc](#)]



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Presented by Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

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### Discover the Flinders Ranges

Visitors to the Flinders Ranges, one of SA's most popular tourist locations, have always been keen to learn more about the region, but this has been difficult in the past.

The Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (1995), accepted the challenge. They developed a comprehensive eGuide *Discover the Flinders Ranges* in the form of the free smartphone app. This app was a Friends of Parks Community Engagement winner in 2018, received a Premier's Certificate for Outstanding Volunteer Service, and recently featured in the Weekend Australian Travel section. Since 2017, over 3000 local, interstate and international tourists have downloaded the app.

The app provides user-friendly features such as proximity-based narration, high-quality photos, and maps showing points-of-interest in relation to current GPS location. It has downloadable guides for tourists, introducing the flora, birds, geology and cultural history of the region. Users do not need an active Internet connection, provided they have downloaded their choice of tours and guides before arrival.

Self-guided driving or walking tours, using accessible 2WD roads and short walks from car parks, take visitors to most of the scenic locations and historic sites within the Park, such as Appealinna, Aroona Valley, Brachina Gorge, Bunyerroo Valley, Ikara (Wilpena Pound), and Old Wilpena Station. Overall, the app describes 200 points-of-interest and contains almost 1500 photos and sketches, some from the early 1800s.

It is suitable for both first-time visitors, and those who are returning to further explore the Park's iconic flora and fauna, geological features, arid lands scenery, indigenous rock art, and ruins from mid-19th to early 20th centuries. The comprehensive photographic guides *Flora of the Central Flinders Ranges* and *Birds Commonly Seen*, include identification photos and text for the most common species found in the Park and are invaluable.

To encourage app users to visit local tour and service operators, this app offers discount vouchers.

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Note: The QR code takes you to a page where you can read a description of the app and download either Android or Apple versions of the app.

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## Friends of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary (FAIBS) News

[Submitted by Anna Woods, Secretary FAIBS.]

Calm, part-sun, warm conditions created a lovely atmosphere for FAIBS volunteers to view the shorebirds at Light Beach recently. Light Beach is one of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway southern summer terminal feeding and roosting areas for the thousands of migratory shorebirds that annually go to Siberia to breed before returning to these very beaches. This foreshore also provides habitat for a number of resident shorebird and bush bird species, so a visit to AIBS beaches at this time of the year can be very rewarding for birders with scopes and binoculars.

A Brown Falcon majestically stood 'on guard' on a fence post on the way in, while the foreshore rewarded viewers with numerous migratory birds including Red-necked Stints, the tiniest of these international travellers. Several rather skinny looking Sharp-Tailed Sandpiper returnees were also hungrily pecking in the sands as the tide retreated, bulking up after their journey of some 10,000 kilometres. Resident shorebirds were represented by





some Red-capped Plovers, a Caspian Tern along with Crested and Fairy Terns, an immature Pacific Gull, and the inevitable Silver Gulls.

After the bird viewing, the volunteers retreated inland to remove tree guards from a planting done in previous years. It was heartening to see a significant number of thriving shrubs waving their fronds above the green guards. Towards the end of our morning's efforts, the group was treated to a flock of Australian Pelicans gracefully wheeling upwards on a thermal.

Such are the joys of being in and contributing to this very special area together. Sincere thanks to our wonderful volunteers and to Ranger Warrick Barnes for enabling this worthwhile morning to take place. We look forward to more similar events in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary in 2021, beginning with a 'Birds'n Bickies' morning at Thompson Beach on the morning of Sunday, January 17th. This event will enable participants to view migratory and resident shorebirds through scopes and binoculars with identification guidance from experienced volunteers. Further details will soon appear on the Friends of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary Facebook page. All-comers welcome.

Meanwhile, Season's Greetings to all!

Anna Woods, Secretary FAIBS ([faibssa@gmail.com](mailto:faibssa@gmail.com))

\*4 photos from Light Beach day taken by FAIBS members



Shorebird viewing



Falcon



Sharp-tailed pipers



Tree guard collection

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### Finding of the Native Bee (*Amegilla bombiformis*)

[contributed by Chris Kirby, Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Inc.]



During the visit by the Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Inc. to the former Balcanoona Station (now Vulkathunha-Gammons Ranges National Park Headquarters) in August we observed a number of native bees busy at work in the *Eremophila* bushes planted in the re-vegetation area at Balcanoona. The ID of the bees caused interest .... a few people thought that they might be the 'teddy bear bees' which it turned out to be correct, *Amegilla bomiformis*.

Friend's member, Nicki De Preu submitted the sighting with two of my photos to



iNaturalistAU, as this bee has not been recorded before in that Citizen Science site as being present in SA before, making it a significant sighting. The bees photographed here were very busy in *Eremophila subfloccosa* plants. The nearest sighting listed on the map is in Melbourne and many sightings have been made in coastal NSW.

So far 1,650 species of native bees have been discovered across the continent.

To view the distribution record for the bees the link is <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/taxa/543954-Amegilla-bombiformis> and <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/observations/61187981> - the latter is the Friends' entry undertaken by Nicki De Preu.



## Friends of Windara Reef help restore shellfish reefs in Gulf St Vincent

[submitted by [Letitia Dahl-helm](#), Environment Officer, Yorke Peninsula Council, who adds that 'we are a new group, and wish to introduce ourselves']

Friends of Windara Reef formed in 2019 to be champions of Windara Reef, advocating to all stakeholders about the benefits of Windara Reef and how it can be looked after.

Windara Reef is the largest shellfish reef restoration project ever attempted in Australia. Using proven methods of restoring lost shellfish reefs in southern Australia, The Nature Conservancy, along with project partners the Australian Government (through its National Stronger Regions Fund), South Australian Government, Yorke Peninsula Council and the University of Adelaide, created Windara Reef off Rogues Point, Yorke Peninsula in the Gulf St Vincent. As a result all the social, economic and environmental benefits of shellfish reefs – like more fish, cleaner water and increased biodiversity – are bouncing back.

The word 'Windara' is the Narungga (traditionally spelled Nharangga) name for the eastern area of the Yorke Peninsula Region. Narungga was made up of four clans which shared the Guuranda (the Yorke Peninsula), separated into Kurnara in the north of the peninsula, Dilpa in the south, Wari in the west and Windara in the east.

Windara Reef has been built in two phases that involved creating a limestone reef seeded with Australian Flat Oysters. The first four-hectare reef was delivered by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) in June 2017 and The Nature Conservancy expanded the reef up to 20 hectares in October 2018. Over seven million oysters were deployed onto the limestone reefs in 2019.

Over the weekend of the 14th and 15th September 2019, 21 volunteers from Friends of Windara Reef were involved in a working bee to bag oyster shell, bagging 400 bags in total which equates to 9 tonne in weight! The shells came from Coffin Bay oyster farms and would have otherwise gone into landfill. They were cured in the sun for over two years to ensure no biosecurity risks and we also high pressure cleaned. The bags of recycled shell went to the SARDI hatchery where baby oysters settled onto them before they were placed onto the reef in November 2019.

Restoring this reef is critical to improve marine biodiversity, fish production and water quality in the Gulf. The project will result in economic and social benefit to the nearby communities of Yorke Peninsula through the creation of new jobs, increased aquaculture, ecotourism and recreational fishing opportunities, as well as new volunteering and community education programs.

The reef is already showing promising indicators that it is on track to be a success but it's still early days yet where colonising species like sponges and algae are dominant. However schools of leather jackets, the occasional weedy whiting, snapper, cuttlefish, scallops and many different species of crabs are being seen. The project's scientific surveys also confirmed oysters are surviving with wild oyster recruitment on the newly built limestone reefs. This wild recruitment will support hatchery reared oyster deployments improving the long-term sustainability of the reef. It is expected the reef will develop to a fully-functioning ecosystem over 7 years.

The Friends of Windara Reef aim to be involved in all aspects of the reef's development and sustainability, for example:

- Building the reef (e.g. oyster shell preparation and Oyster Gardening)
- Monitoring the reef (e.g. water quality testing and species surveys)
- Expanding the reef (e.g. Oyster Watch - surveying for new locations to build reefs)
- Protecting the reef (e.g. educating on boating and fishing requirements)
- Promoting the reef (e.g. events)
- Educating about the reef (e.g. providing opportunities for people to learn about the reef)

If you would like to know more about Windara Reef, please do not hesitate to contact Friends of Windara Reef, or visit

<https://www.natureaustralia.org.au/what-we-do/our-priorities/provide-food-and-water-sustainably/food-and-water-stories/south-australian-reef-to-revive-the-gulf/>



Friends of Windara Reef atop their haul of shells  
 Photo by A. Nedosyko, The Nature Conservancy

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### Brushtail Possum Surveys

[from Kevin Smith, Friends of Riverlands Parks Inc November 2020 newsletter Vol 29 No.2]



Artist Ella Fry, drawing from the book  
*Native Mammals of Australia*  
 by W.D.L. Ride

Over 4 nights in October a small band of members of the Friends of Riverland Parks conducted spotlight surveys in the Katarapko section of the Murray River National Park. On each of the nights two areas were surveyed. A walk around the edge of the wetland and a strip of vegetation of similar length along the edge of the river. The surveys were organized to be conducted on nights where there was minimal moonlight and both areas were surveyed at the same time.

The average number of possums “spotted” during this year’s surveys was 12 individuals and included the presence of 2 young being seen on the backs of their mothers.

These two transects had previously been surveyed under similar conditions by our members during spring and autumn every year from 2003 until 2011.

The average numbers seen over the previous nine years of surveys was 16, but this number is inflated by the sudden “explosion” in numbers observed in 2004/5 when there were around 30 individuals seen on each survey. This anomaly was unable to be explained by us or the ecologists involved at that time.

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## **VALE Ted Hughes, Friends of Para Wirra**

[submitted by Dr Colin N Winsor, Group Historian, assisted by Molly Hughes and other Friends of Para Wirra, 2.12.2020]

**Ted Hughes OAM: made a significant contribution to Friends of Para Wirra, and the Environmental and Conservation cause in South Australia.**



left to right: Pat Bond, Mike Johnson, Ted Hughes and Eric Davidson, potting plants at the Nursery, Para Wirra Conservation Park.

**Early history** Ted was a true people person. Employed by Waratah Gypsum and later Shift Manager for Boral Gypsum. Having worked at the Gypsum Lakes on York Peninsula, Ted was instrumental in setting up the Innes National Park.

**Formation of Friends of Para Wirra** In 1989 following a public meeting in One Tree Hill, hosted by the Department of Environment & Planning staff members Dene Cordes & Pam Smith, the Friends of Para Wirra Conservation Park was formed. Ted Hughes was elected President, Narell Rawnsley secretary and Mrs Brown treasurer. Ted & Molly Hughes, Eric & Lucy Davidson and Kath Moloney were among the thirty people present.

### **Contribution to environment and conservation in Para Wirra and South Australia in general.**

During the early years of its formation the Friends of Para Wirra Ted & Molly and other Friends were educated how to care for the environment, such as collecting, cleaning and propagating seeds in tubes, pricking out, growing on and eventually planting trees and shrubs where they were needed, (Molly Hughes). Ted remained President of the Friends of Para Wirra from inception until John Fuller took over as president in 2006-2008, after which Patsy Johnson was elected president. Ted lived with his wife Molly in a tranquil setting in Cockatoo Valley. He was the driving force in applying for conservation grants e.g. Devils Nose Trail upgrade in 1999, marked out Lizard Rock Trail and reworking the Short Link Trail and forming the Hissey Trail. Under Ted's supervision the PW Friends contributed significantly to the removal of introduced weeds in the park ... a task that never seems to end, working in collaboration with other groups, such as Greenling Australia and Greencorp, local schools etc . A display board was constructed indicating the group's activities and was put on display at various community activities. Catering for conferences held in the Park, taking part in the Water Watch Program and assisting at the South Para Nursery. Ted & Molly attended many Friends of Parks Forums, e.g. 1989 Meningie – Coorong Forum 1999 Pinnaroo Forum. Ted was also instrumental in the planning and with his team, successfully running the 2002 Friends of Para Wirra Forum in conjunction with the Friends of Sandy Creek & Kaisler Stuhl ... the Forum being aptly named the 'Birds of the Barossa'. To Ted's credit and his team, the 2002 Forum was recognised by many attendees as the best Forum they had attended up to that date. In recognition of Ted & Molly's contribution to the Park the Meeting Room at the Office in the Para Wirra Conservation Park has been named to Ted and Molly Hughes Meeting Room.

**Issues raised - battles, fought and won (or lost)** Discussions have been ongoing between the Friends of Para Wirra and the Department, regarding access to the Park by other recreational groups, such as trail bikes, horses and mountain bikes.

**2001 Mountain Bike Plan.** From about 2001 there has been ongoing discussion between the Department and various volunteer groups, regarding the potential of having bike trails through the park. With Ted at the helm, the Friends had reservations regarding the access and the development of mountain bike trails through the Park.

**2002 Horse Trails.** Eventually approval was given in 1999 by the Hon. Dorothy Kotz MP, to allow horse riding in the Mack Creek area, for an interim period of 6 months. Horse trails are currently permitted in parts of Mack Creek.

**In Summary - Ted's contribution** to the environment and conservation of Para Wirra National Park and the State in general was immense. He is a sadly missed member of FOPW. Ted wanted the public to enjoy the park and the environment and was always eager to encourage more park visitors.

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## Hindmarsh Island rubbish removal

[submitted by Wendy Phillips, Friends of Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group ([hilandcare@gmail.com](mailto:hilandcare@gmail.com))]

A grant from Coca-Cola Foundation enabled Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group/Friends of Lawari Conservation Park to:

1. Remove old imbedded tyres from Mundoo and Goolwa Channel.
2. Remove old fence-lines including wire and posts from the waterways.
3. Pick up roadside rubbish from Sugars Beach and the Murray Mouth.
4. Remove 25 discarded tyres hidden under bushes on several roads in the area.
5. Pay a woody-weed contractor to remove Coastal Teatree and Acacia Cyclops along the Murray Mouth Road, and for HILG to replace them with indigenous species.
6. De-bag the tree guards from previous plantings.



Dug out the old posts by hand (swans in the background)



Lifted the wire from water's edge



Removed imbedded tyres



Old fence line across the Channel



Old post with clean, preserved bottoms



Allan, Peter, Ian, Terry, Martin - the removal team are part of HI Landcare group that also do the planting in winter as part of the paid planning team

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## Departed Friends

At each Forum we have a memorial table with a list of all Friends who have passed away since the previous forum, and a posy of flowers. But for this newsletter we provide a simple list of names, sufficient for you to make your own enquiries, of those who have departed since the previous newsletter. We apologise for any omissions. Please let Pam Smith, VPU, know of anyone who should be added to the list.

*Kent Treloar  
John Ackers  
Joyce Lonzar  
Paul Franche  
Alex McDonald*

*Yorke District Volunteers  
Friends of Aldinga Scrub  
Friends of Parks, KI Western Districts  
Friends of Onkaparinga Parks, Friends of Belair National Park  
SSAA – Conservation and Wildlife Management (SA) Inc.*

... information from VPU records and Friends' newsletters and communications

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## LINKS

**Friends of Parks Website** [www.friendsofparkssa.org.au](http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au)



'Like' us on Facebook - Friends of Parks SA has a [Facebook](#) page. It was launched on 6 October 2016, and now has had over 1700 'Likes' and growing. A rich source of information and pictures. Have a look and 'Like' the page to receive regular notifications.

[Instructions appearing on the Friends website](#) have been updated by Pam Smith, Secretary, Friends of Parks Inc., for when your group needs to approach the Treasurer to obtain successful grant funding. Clicking on 'Grant Information' will download the updated article.

Visit the [Red Cross website](#) or the [Red Cross emergency services blog](#) to see how this splendid organisation provides help to those in distress ... particularly germane now, following the distress created by bushfires.

Check DEW's GOOD LIVING blog of 24 January 2020 for a handsome list of [30 must-do adventures in South Australia's national parks](#), from soaking in ancient hot springs to kayaking among shipwrecks ... and ...

from a 2018 edition of DEW's GOOD LIVING blog

[10 national parks near Adelaide you might not have heard of](#)

... all unaffected by recent bushfires and offering attractive bush-walking opportunities.

Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) is a national community legal centre dedicated to protecting the environment. EDO has a [range of fact sheets](#) to explain South Australian law on different topics, such as native vegetation, planning and climate change, for instance:

- Protection of Native Animals and their Habitat
  - Protection of Native Vegetation
  - Development Control
  - Water Resource Management Conservation and Protection
  - SA Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Act
  - Information Guide: Volunteers Protection Act
- [this information from Friends of Scott Creek CP newsletter *Bandicoots Tails* of June-August 2020]

The [DEW blog Environment SA News](#) of 5 June 2020 announces the opening of further recreational trails linking Barossa region reservoirs - the South Para and Warren, plus links to Williamstown, Mount Crawford Forest and Para Wirra CP

Visit the Barossa Bushgardens, Nuriootpa, South Australia in person or via its website

<https://barossabushgardens.com.au>.

The gardens are a flourishing community initiative on 7.5ha that are home to about 130 of the 400+ species of plants that can be found in the region, some of which are rare or critically endangered (due to Covid-19, its Natural Resource Centre is closed until further notice, but its Community Nursery is open for business as usual, while following social distancing guidelines). Car access at 653 Research Road and pedestrian access from Coulthard Reserve walking trail off Penrice Road. Entry is free. The Bushgardens are open to the public from dawn till dusk, 7 days a week. Enquiries phone: 08 8563 8330.

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Visit the [Australian Plants Society S.A Region Inc. website](#) whose "members from diverse backgrounds unite to celebrate, grow, conserve and promote Australia's wonderful flora", to share the wealth of information on offer. Its list of South Australian [native plant nurseries](#) might be particularly useful to you.

Follow progress and activities at the new Glenthorne National Park through its [Website](#) or [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) or subscribe to its [e-news newsletter](#)

Treat yourself to an informative 8.5 minute ABC video titled "[The Magic of Moths](#)" [Thanks to Gil Hollamby, Butterfly Conservation SA Membership Officer, for this lead]

DEW's [GOOD LIVING](#) blog is always interesting, but in particular its photographs are consistently spectacular.

The following bird sequences are highly recommended

[7 tiny birds to look for in South Australia](#). from 10 August issue

[10 parrots you can see in South Australia](#) from 7 November issue

[10 parrots you can see in South Australia](#) from 19 December issue.

Visit [Trees For Life \(TFL\) 'Resources'](#) page for indexes to TFL's splendid [ReLeaf](#) and [Bushcarer](#) Magazines, and various other publications - brochures, reports, etc.

[Link provided in DEW blog *The Weekly* of 1 July 2020] [Recap the changes taking place across DEW](#) this week as a result of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 and new landscape boards commencing full operations today (1 July 2020).

The Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT) monthly blog/newsletter offers a wide range of high quality pictures and interesting articles. Sign up for its blog/newsletter at the bottom of its [website PUBLICATIONS page](#).

For a glimpse of what our fellow environmentalists are doing in Victoria, take a look at the Victorian Landcare & Catchment Management Magazines, accessible via <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/resources/magazine-library/>.

Visit [first green tyre-recycling plant in Warren in central–northern NSW](#) and [green light to Tasmanian company Phoenix Rubber Products to develop a \\$3.5 million tyre recycling plant](#) for news on recent developments in the re-cycling of vehicle tyres.

Keep up with all the latest from the Botanic Gardens of South Australia.

Visit the websites of [The Botanic Gardens of South Australia](#), or of the individual gardens: the [Adelaide Botanic gardens](#), the [Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens](#), and the [Wittunga Botanic Gardens](#).

You can use GPS technology to discover trails in national parks – even without a network connection.

Find out how by clicking [this link](#).

[item from DEW blog *Good Living* of 1 May 2020]

Visit <https://www.feralscan.org.au> for general interest, but maybe also to consider helping to map feral animal sightings and the damage they cause in your local area, as part of a CITIZEN SURVEILLANCE project. The project was launched in 2009 and now hosts over 200,000 community records, and shows national mappings for Rabbit, WildDog, FeralCat, Fox, FeralPig, Toad, Myna, MouseAlert, Camel, FeralGoat, FeralFish, Starling, Deer. This activity is supported by the [Banksia Foundation](#), [PestSmart](#), and the [NSW Government's Local Land Services](#)

If you're wondering what to do with an old, no longer needed, mobile phone, check out the suggestions for its disposal at this website:

<https://www.mobilemuster.com.au/recycle-a-mobile/>.



## FRIENDS OF PARKS INC. GIFT FUND

**Do you want to make a donation to the work of Friends of Parks?  
If so, do it through the Gift Fund.**

Friends of Parks Inc. operates a Gift Fund which is on the Australian Government's Register of Environmental Organisations, which means that **donations are tax deductible**. Receipts can be provided for tax purposes. There are many reasons for people wanting to give a donation, e.g. after experiencing a wonderful time in the park, people may wish to donate towards that park. It should be noted that although a donation **cannot be specified for a particular park or project**, donors may indicate to the Gift Fund Committee that they enjoy a particular park or project. For full explanations please read the Gift Fund documents mentioned below.

Through your generosity the Gift Fund hopes to support projects from various Friends Groups into the future.

### **The Gift Fund has been undergoing some changes**

Electronic fund transfer is again available. A new Gift Fund sub-Committee has been formed - made up of three Friends of Parks Inc. Board Members: Kevin Osborn (Treasurer), Mandy Carter (Public Officer) and Benjamin Page (Board member).

The Gift Fund Secretary will issue receipts for donations, arrange meetings with the Gift Fund Committee Members in order to assess Gift Fund Applications, and to respond to all Applicants.

All Gift Fund documents are on the website under the Members Area [www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/donate](http://www.friendsofparkssa.org.au/donate), namely:

- Gift Fund Information
- Donation Form - to use when someone wants to make a donation
- Assessment Criteria - how grants requests are assessed
- Gift Fund Application Form - for Friends of Parks Inc. member groups to request a grant.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Mandy Carter, mobile 0407 604 512

See Gift Donation form next page

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