

**Friends of Parks Inc. Gift Fund**

**Why was the Fund created?**

The fund was created to give interested parties the opportunity to donate money to Friends of Parks Inc. to assist it in its work across the State of South Australia and within the parks and reserves system.

**Who can make a donation?**

Any person or body can make a donation to the Gift Fund.

**How do you make a donation?**

* Fill in a Gift Fund Donation Form and email it to: contact@friendsofparkssa.org.au
* Electronically transfer the donation to:

Name of Account: Friends of Parks Inc. Gift Fund

BSB: 805 050

Account Number: 2339333

Bank: People’s Choice Credit Union

OR

Send a cheque to: Treasurer, Friends of Parks Inc. Gift Fund

Friends of Parks Inc.

c/- the Secretariat, Volunteer and Visitor Programs Unit,

GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001.

**How will you know that your funds have been received?**

An electronic receipt will be emailed to you by the Gift Fund Secretary.

**How will the funds be used?**

Any Friends of Parks member group can apply for a Grant from the fund by filling in a Gift Fund Grant Application Form.

The request must be addressed to ‘The Gift Fund Committee’ and needs to give some detail with respect to the use of the funds. The use will need to be in line with the objectives and aims of Friends of Parks Inc. Funds may be used to initiate a new project or to complete an existing project.

**How will the Gift Fund Grant Application form be processed?**

The Gift Fund Committee will meet to consider all applications on their merit with regard to the established criteria.

If an application is successful an email confirming this will be forwarded to the successful application, setting out the terms under which the grant is to be made.

**What can be applied for?**

The “Gift Fund” grant funding can be used for a range of equipment and activities to support the work of volunteer Friends Groups anywhere in the State’s National Parks.

Examples:

* Equipment
	+ Tools
	+ Monitoring equipment
* Project costs
	+ Technical support /planning costs
	+ Tubestock, native plant seed, potting mix etc.
* Building skills, knowledge and awareness
	+ Books /field guides
	+ Communications materials such as newsletters, displays, signs, advertising, etc.
	+ Costs associated with running tours or field days.

**How much can be applied for?**

This is variable and there is no set amount, however it will depend on the balance in the Gift Fund against other applicants.

**GST implications.**

GST can only be added to the grant if the ‘Friends Group’ that is applying for funding has an ABN number and is registered for GST.

**When are applications due?**

Applications for “Gift Fund” grants can be made at any time.

**What reporting is required?**

A straightforward final report at the end of the project is all that is required, stating the amount received, expenditure, and the balance.

**Publicity / recognition of funding**

A successful applicant must ensure that appropriate acknowledgment is given to the Friends of Parks Inc. Board “Gift Fund” as a source of funding.

**Taxation**

Donations above $2 are a legal tax deduction.