

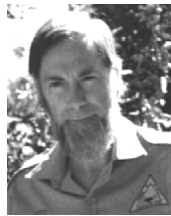


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President's Message

The 1996 Friends of Parks Forum has now been held. We were delighted that our former Ranger, Tom Gerschwitz received the award for the most supportive ranger of the year. The comments that members made at our last General Meeting were fully endorsed in the citation which was read when Tom's award was presented.

The comprehensive organisation of the Forum by the Friends of Onkaparinga and their choice of an excellent venue, meant that the Forum ran smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Colin Malcolm and all of those who were involved in the organisation of the Forum for a job well done. Having been involved in the organisation of the 1992 Forum, I can appreciate how much work it is to get such an event to run smoothly. Thanks for organisation are also due to Dene Cordes and the members of the Community Liaison Branch. They play an important role in getting the documentation and information together which makes the event run well.

Minister David Wotton and Acting DENR CEO,

Allan Holmes were both present and actively participated in the event. I think that we are fortunate to have leaders such as these involved in our organisation. Allan made it clear that he is keen to see facilities in parks improved. He also pointed to the need to keep only those parts of the system that we really need and to consolidate what we have.

I would invite as many members as possible to go to the next Forum, which will be held on Kangaroo Island in October 1997. The opportunity to share ideas and to be updated on the activities of DENR is extremely valuable.

The visit of Minister David Wotton to the park on Wednesday of last week allowed us to reinforce the need for progress on a number of issues. From the photographs which we had taken of the early days of our group, he was able to see that we had made significant progress with reducing vandalism. He was also able to see the need for a toilet, as there was soiled toilet paper lying on the ground close to where we stepped off the bus. I would like to thank the Minister for making the time to visit the park and to thank the Policy and Environment Planner - Denise Sharp for organising his itinerary to include such a visit. We would hope that David would be able to return for a more leisurely visit, perhaps at the time of our tenth anniversary in June 1997.

Clint Garrett



Minister for the Environment, David Wotton, and Clint Garrett review photographs of previous vandalism in the Park during David's visit on the 25th of September.



Coming Events!



Ecocity Whyalla

➡ Thursday October 3rd @ 7:30 pm
Peters St Uniting Church Hall
General Meeting
Slides of Great Victoria Desert
Len Beadell Video

➡ Saturday October 12th @ 9:00 am
Wild Dog Hill
Working Bee

- Thursday October 24th @ 7:30 pm
71 Jenkins Ave
Committee Meeting

- Thursday November 7th @ 7:30 pm
Peters St Uniting Church Hall
General Meeting

(Please note date - not the 3rd as previously advised!)

- Saturday November 9th @ 8:00 am
Wild Dog Hill
Breakfast and Working Bee

Members who were at the last general meeting would have heard some of the proposed developments for Whyalla's 'Ecocity'. This will be an ecologically sound development of a civic centre and housing behind Westlands shopping centre. The consultants, Ecopolis Pty Ltd, and Urban Ecology Australia, will be holding two public workshops this Thursday, October 3rd.

These will be held at the Stuart Community Building on Ramsay Street. A children's workshop will be held from 2pm to 4pm, and one at 7:30pm to 9:30pm, presumably for 'grown ups'!

It is worth noting that this event clashes with our own general meeting. If you are not interested in the Great Victoria Desert Trip slides, then please make an effort to attend the Ecocity meeting. It is not productive to dismiss the idea as 'pie in the sky', or to assume that you are unable to make any input.

As I have mentioned many times before, as a society we are living way past our means. It is time to look towards how we should be living in the years ahead. Our future, as well as that of our children and that of Whyalla is in our hands. If you aren't prepared to voice your opinion, then be prepared to put up with what you get!



Bin Roster

Weekend beginning:

4/10/96 Smith/Poyner

11/10/96 Vacant

18/10/96 Yvonne Ayliffe

25/10/96 Moldenhauer Family

1/11/96 Perc Prenzel

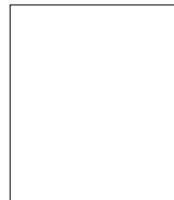
8/11/96 Lance Dean

14/11/96 Vacant

22/11/96 Carter Family

29/11/96 Garrett Family

Please note that there are now sufficient spaces in the book for three separate trips to the Park if you require them!



October General Meeting & Working Bee

The next general meeting is on Thursday the 3rd of October at 7:30pm. The evening will be used to show the slides that were taken during the recent trip to the Great Victoria Desert. A Len Beadell video will also be shown. (For those members who are not aware of Len Beadell, he constructed a large number of major outback roads during the late 50's and 60's. Len was also the guest speaker at a fundraiser for this group some years ago).

This month's working bee has been moved from the usual first Saturday of the month because of the long weekend. It will be held on the 12th at 9:00am. A barrier in the car park needs reseating, weeds need following up, there is more fencing to be done, the tree at the dam needs removing and the walking trail requires further maintenance.

Many thanks to all those who turned up at the last working bee, particularly volunteer Kylie Taig, and creche manager Kathryn!



1996 Forum Report

The 12th Annual Friends Forum was held last weekend (20th - 22nd of September), and was hosted by the Friends Of Onkaparinga Park. It was held at the South Adelaide Football Clubrooms at Noarlunga, and apart from some friendly disagreements with electrical appliances, was very well organised.

The theme of this year's Forum was 'Human Impact on National Parks - positive and negative'. An interesting and successful innovation this year was the introduction of a 'Soapbox' session, where speakers only had three minutes to speak on their topics. This ensured the never-ending debates of the past did not chew up time!

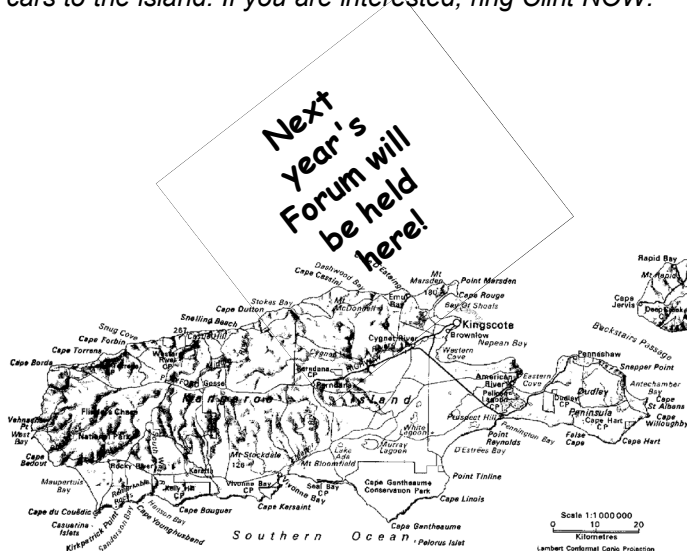
Dr. Sandra Taylor from the Mawson Graduate Centre for Environmental Studies at the University of Adelaide was the keynote speaker. Dr. Taylor gave an insight into the historical reasons why parks were established, and the current trends towards human impact on parks.

Saturday afternoon was spent in six buses, touring some of the major features of both the Onkaparinga National Park, and the adjoining Onkaparinga Recreation Park. Everyone had the opportunity to plant trees in FOOP's Forum Forest.

A very pleasant dinner was served on Saturday night. On Sunday, more another Soapbox session was held, and participants had the opportunity to listen to speakers, and view displays in the 'Insights' session. After lunch, the annual awards were presented, and for the first time in years, our group did not receive any!

The 1996 Friends Group of the Decade was the Friends of Old Government House, The Friends of the year were the Friends Of Scott Creek, and the display award went to the Friends Of Simpson Desert.

Next year's Forum will be held at Kingscote from the 10th to 12th of October. Bookings for accomodation and transport will need to be made NOW. The committee has considered the idea of hiring a mini-bus to offset the cost of transporting cars to the island. If you are interested, ring Clint NOW.



Proposed NPWS Logo Change

At the Forum, the acting CEO of DENR, Allan Holmes, was canvassing public reaction to the possibility of changing the NPWS logo.

Unfortunately we are unable to give you a colour copy of what is proposed. However all four possibilities have the same general changes, the only difference between them is the deepness of colour.

1. The word Service is dropped from the surround.
2. The Sturt Pea emblem is less symbolic and more natural, featuring some natural type foliage either below or alongside of the flower.
3. The colours are not as bright, with the outer circle with the writing becoming green.

Do you see a need for a change? If so, write to Allan Holmes and ask for a copy of the proposed changes, so that you can see exactly what is proposed.

Alternatively if you see no need for a change in the logo, write to Allan and tell him of your concerns.

His address in either case is GPO BOX 1047 ADELAIDE 5001



What's Your Personality Type?

Angela Hazebroek, from the Northern Region of Council's gave Forum delegates some insights into different personality types and how these might effect volunteer groups. Her basis for classification was the Chinese Enyagram system. This system proposes that there are basically nine personality types. If we understand which grouping that each person belongs to then we may be able to allow them to make the best of their talents. Some people can be neatly pigeonholed, while others are an amalgam of several personality types. David, Kathryn and Margaret got a lot of fun out of pointing at me, when this analysis was being done. Work-out if you can which type I belong to and what type you belong to.

Clinton

The Reformer
Idealistic, perfectionist a work-aholic, they want to improve the society that the live in. They do not tolerate fools gladly. They are reluctant leaders who can burn out through overwork , but will try to soldier on regardless.

The Helper

They are people with good intentions who try to help all, they can't do enough for others. They can be busy bodies. They need to be appreciated for their work, as they rarely seek the spot light.

The Status Seeker

These people want to be admired and noticed. They are only involved if the cause is good for their image. They are upfront people who have community influence, generally not team people, but can be useful in bringing others to the group. They are born to lead and know it.

The Artist

They are self absorbed and need to express themselves through their work. They can be encouraged to be very productive. Their reward is in the work that they create.

The Thinker

These people are knowledgeable, analytical researchers who want to understand the world. They like to share their knowledge and to be understood. They write better than they talk. Good people to write your submissions and to prepare documentation.

The Loyalist

These people are dutiful and are committed to family and friends who come first in their scheme of things. They steer clear of lunatic fringe groups. They are often practical people, but like to stay out of the limelight

The Generalist

They are enthusiastic and outgoing. They want to be happy and to have fun and can easily become bored. If the work ceases to be fun, they may drop out. These people are good to have on your social committee.

The Leader

They are forceful and aggressive. They want to prevail over others and are not good group leaders. These people are often found in the private sector and are good for dealing with politicians.

The Peacemaker

As the name suggests, these people are good at conflict resolution and try to keep the peace. They are easy going and do not like on-going conflict in the group.

1997 Plant Sale



Last Sunday, Clinton and myself transplanted 120 Eucalypt and Acacia seedlings into larger pots. In the next few weeks, work will start on preparing cuttings. Be prepared for phone calls asking for help!



Committee Report

The members of the committee travelled to Port Augusta for the last meeting on the 26th of September, so that Chris Baxter would not have to travel to Whyalla. As a consequence, Pearce Dougherty, the District Ranger was also able to attend. Some of the matters discussed were:

- Several of the maintenance matters that had been pending for a while were discussed, including the grid for the SW gate, sign replacement, road conditions, and the type of toilet considered suitable for Wild Dog Hill.*
- The committee was informed of the results of the visit to the Park by the Minister, David Wotton.*
- It was decided to see if we could apply for a Director's Grant for funding for a new shed to store our equipment and trailer in.*
- David reported that he was going to meet with the MFS on Wednesday the 2nd of October during their weekly training to familiarise firefighters with the Park.*



Ranger's Report

Chris reported that he had been busy attending to some of our outstanding issues. He had discovered that the signs that we asked for were going to cost over \$2,000. Chris has rationalised the list of required signs during the working bee of the 7th September. Chris has already provided road closed signs, and borrowed another traffic counter.

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