

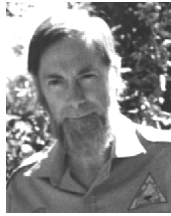


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President's Message

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of 1996 so quickly. Progress in the park has been slow, but we are managing to keep up the basic maintenance. A significant limiting factor with our work is the number of members who are available for work at working bees. Our overall membership numbers are quite sound, but many are involved in a number of groups, which limits the time that they can give to us. We have an on-going need for more members and I encourage you to enrol more people as members of the Friends group.

We are still waiting for the Management plan to complete its passage through the approval process. At last report, it was being delayed by the illness of one of the members of the assessing panel. We are hopeful that it will complete its progress through the formal approval procedures early in the new year. Approval will give us the scope to go ahead with a number of significant works such as the construction of the toilet.

Members of the committee spent some time at the last meeting putting together the works plan for the first half of 1997. A copy of this is on page 4 of this newsletter. Please post it near your calendar, so that you can see when

projects are to be undertaken.

My best wishes to you and your family for a merry Christmas and for a successful New Year. For those of you who are travelling over the holiday break, I hope that your travels are both safe and enjoyable.

Don't Forget Potting Day!



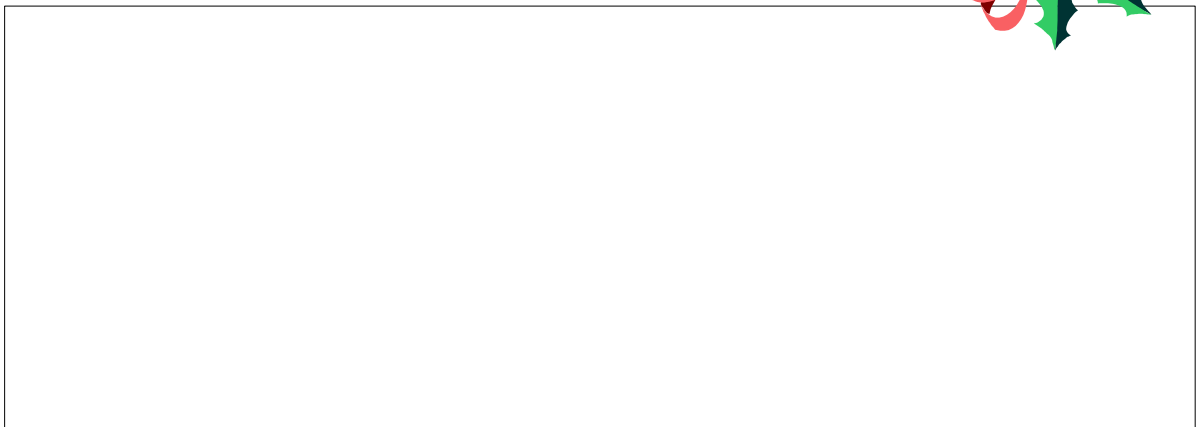
Stop Press!

The committee have decided to cancel the December general meeting as we did not have a guest speaker for the meeting and we would prefer to see the maximum number of members at the potting up day on Saturday 7th.

Our next general meeting will be on Thursday, February 6th at 7.30 pm and will be in the Park at Wild Dog Hill. More details in the January newsletter.



*Merry Christmas to all
 Friends Members and
 our readers!*





Coming Events!

- *Saturday December 7th @ 2:00pm*
267 Landrace Rd
Potting-on Day
- *Saturday December 14th @ 4:30pm*
End of year BBQ
71 Jenkins Ave

Saturday January 11th 1997 @ 2:00pm
267 Landrace Rd
Potting Day part 2 / trailer repair

Saturday 18th January @ 7:30am
Wild Dog Hill
Working Bee

Thursday 23rd January @ 7:30pm
71 Jenkins Ave
Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th February @ 7:30pm
Wild Dog Hill
General Meeting

Saturday 8th February @ 6:30am
Wild Dog Hill
Working Bee

1997 Plant Sale



David and Clinton have already potted up about 600 plants. This year we seem to have got the soil mix pretty right, as our loss rate has been quite low and the plants look very healthy. Our big potting up day will be on Saturday 7th ie this Saturday. We will have about 1100 plants to pot up.

Those of you who have been to such days will know already that it is a frantic and happy event. You don't have to know anything about plants, just be prepared to carefully remove the small plants from their tubes or trays and then place them in their pots.

*Where: 267 Landrace Road - Ella Smith's House
(directions below)*

When: 2.00 pm - finish approximately 5.00 pm

For the last few years, potting on day has been an invitation for a thunderstorm. Be prepared for the weather of the day. We will be potting under the pergola and if needed, will put tarpaulins over it to protect the workers.

We will have a second potting on day in early January, January 11th, when we will have another 400 plants ready for potting.

The plant sale will be on March 22nd, with funds being used to purchase a new shed for the group to house its equipment.



Bin Roster

Weekend beginning:

6/12/96 Poyner/Smith/Sharp

13/12/96 Holly-Hughes

20/12/96 Vaughan Moldenhauer

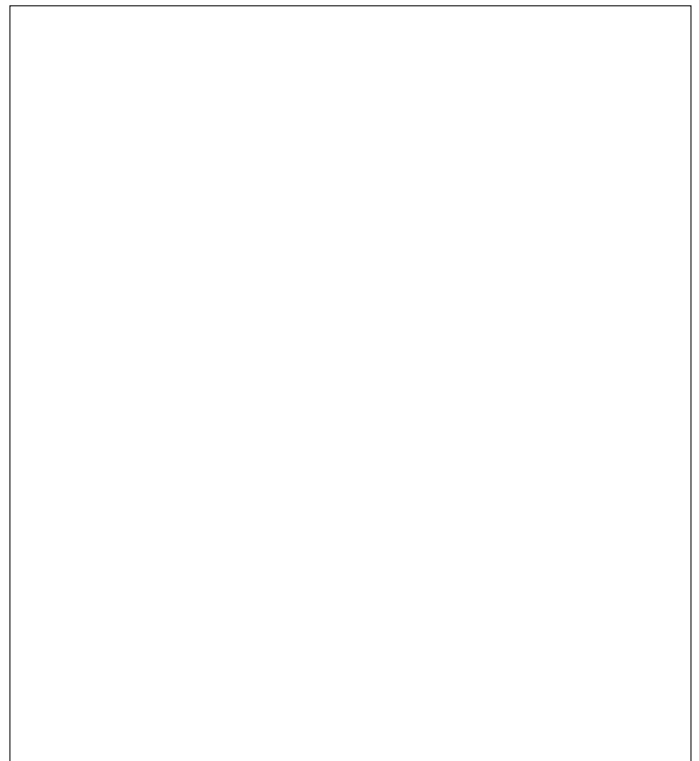
27/12/96 Garretts

3/1/97 John Holds

10/1/97 Garretts

17/1/97 Vaughan Moldenhauer

24/1/97 Holly-Hughes



Do you want to join the bin roster? Ring Kathryn Hollingworth on 45 9233

End of year Celebration

Our final event for the year will be at Garrett's - 71 Jenkins Avenue on Saturday 14th of December at 4.30pm.

Bring a chair, meat, drink and either a salad or sweets. If you are coming to this event, please give Clinton a call to let him know which salad or sweet you will be bringing. We don't want to have 6 lots of potato salad and nothing else.

The Friends group will provide Bread, sauce and orange juice.



Committee Report

The last committee meeting was held on Thursday 28th November. The following items were discussed:

- A thank you letter was sent to the Friends of Onkaparinga congratulating them on their organisation of the recent Friends Forum.
- A letter has been sent to District Ranger, Pearce Dougherty, asking for feedback on the progress of our Draft Management Plan.
- A report on the progress of plant sale work was given to the committee. Some organisation was completed for the potting-on day.
- David reported that he had had a display in the window of the Information Service in town, and that the same display was now in the Arid Lands Centre for Urban Ecology.
- Alvin reported that there had been Whyalla High School students in the Park on the evening of 19/11/96, using the telescope mount for astronomy.
- Much time was spent at the end of the meeting planning a works program for next year. Two extra working bees were added to the calendar.





Welcome


Megan Boyle is our newest member. Megan is the research officer at the Whyalla City Council. She is a talented and cheerful person, who I am sure will make a significant contribution to our group. We hope that you enjoy your time with us Megan.

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Works Reports

1. At the last working bee on Saturday 9th November, members concreted a section of the walking trail to stabilise the surface. This was to ensure that visitors have firm footing, preventing accidents.

Thank you to Denise, Megan and Rosemary for minding the children.

2. In preparation for this plant sale, a portion of the area where the young plants are hardened-off at Ella and David's place has been concreted. Chris Richardson did the preliminary earthworks, while a number of members provided the labour to lay the concrete.

Thanks to Lance Dean, Alvin Charlesworth, Vaughan Moldenhauer and Clint Garrett for the labouring. Thanks also to Margaret for providing the scones and drinks.



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Friends Of Whyalla Conservation Park 1997 Calendar

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January	11th	Saturday	2:00 pm	Potting Day part II / Repaint Trailer
	18th	Saturday	7:30 am	Walking Trail Repairs
	23rd	Thursday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
February	6th	Thursday	7:30 pm	General Meeting In Park
	8th	Saturday	6:30 am	Walking Trail Repairs
	26th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
March	6th	Thursday	7:30 pm	General Meeting
	8th	Saturday	9:00 am	Rabbit Control Work
	21st	Friday	7:00 pm	Plant Labelling
	22nd	Saturday	6:30 am	Preparation For & Plant Sale
	26th	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
April	5th	Saturday	2:00 pm	Revegetation, Tea & Astronomy Night
	12th	Saturday	2:00 pm	Toilet Construction - Continues In Following Weeks
	24th	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
May	1st	Thursday	7:30 pm	General Meeting
	3rd	Saturday	9:00 am	Mapping Rabbit Warrens
	10th	Saturday	9:00 am	Mapping Rabbit Warrens
	11th	Sunday	2:00 pm	Come'n'try Walking / Mapping Rabbit Warrens
	22nd	Thursday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
June	21st	Saturday	2:30 pm	10th Birthday Celebrations / Annual General Meeting
	26th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting