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President's Message

Last Friday I visited Adelaide to be a guest at the SA Landcare Awards. Our group was one of three finalists in the CRT Community Group category, and were in the running for \$500 and a place at the national awards. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but the seminar before the awards was well worth the trip.

The keynote speakers, Professor Lee Parker, Ms Carol Tilt and Mr Neil Lewis from the School of Commerce at Flinders University spoke on 'Natural Resource Accountability'. As you may have gathered from my message in the last Myall Post, this is a pet topic of mine. Unfortunately, our society has progressed to the stage where nothing has a value unless you can express that value in dollars.

Here lies the dilemma. How do you value trees, birds, reptiles, clean air, pure water, scenic views? Let's go further: how do you value the individual feelings of enjoyment that these things give us, or the rights of other species of living plants and animals to exist in an unadulterated world? How many dollars will we put in the books for the value of these assets?

Professor Parker stated that: there are no standards for assessing the value of natural resources and social impact on the environment, the full costs of production are not accounted for, and that accounting rules penalise rather than encourage

environmental responsibility.

He also pointed out that environmental expenditure needed to be categorised as an asset rather than something that reduces profits. This is no more evident than in the latest foolishness from the South Australian Housing Trust. In an effort to reduce maintenance costs, the Trust is removing rainwater tanks from its houses in-between tenants.

From an accounting point of view, this makes good sense - the yearly statements of the Trust will look all that much better. Let's wander over and look at the books of SA Water though - they're pumping more water to Whyalla, and costs have increased. Low income earners now spend more on groceries as they buy bottled water to drink, and struggle a little bit more. The Department of Environment & Natural Resources is worried about how much it is going to cost to repair the Murray River because society has been pumping too much water from it. Primary Industries are also spending more helping producers along the river overcome the same damage.

Yes. Lets remove water tanks. It's cheaper in the long run..... NOT LIKELY!

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Alvin Charlesworth, Lance Dean, Clint Garrett, John Carter, Vaughan and Brian Moldenhauer with the first of seven trailers of rubbish. See page 3.



Coming Events!

☞ Saturday 4th November 8:00am
Wild Dog Hill
Breakfast In The Park

☞ Saturday 4th November 9:30am
Wild Dog Hill
Working Bee

Thursday 23rd November 7:30pm
267 Landrace Rd
Committee Meeting

☞ Saturday 10th December 2:00pm
267 Landrace Rd
Potting On Day For Plant Sale, Xmas Breakup

Thursday 25th January 7:30pm
267 Landrace Rd
Committee Meeting



Bin Roster

Weekend beginning:

3/11/95 Nield Family

10/11/95 Richard Fox

17/11/95 Charlesworth Family

24/11/95 Holds Family (provisional)

1/12/95 Dean Family

8/12/95 Carter Family

*Do you want to join the Bin Roster?
Ring Kathryn now on 45 9233.*

Roster members please note that a rainfall chart is now in the book. If you are unaware of the location of the gauge, please talk to David. Please do not empty the gauge when there are visitors present.



November Working Bee

Saturday November the 4th is an important day for your diary. We will be making a big effort to achieve some of the many jobs that are outstanding in the Park with an all-day working bee. I know that it's a cliché, but if you are only going to attend one event this year, please turn up.

The day will start at 8am with breakfast in the Park. We are going to provide a basic breakfast of bacon, sausages and eggs, and a BBQ lunch. If you would like anything more elaborate, please feel free to bring your own and use the BBQ.

Work will start at 9am. Jobs to be completed include:

- Clearing of the entry to passing bays
 - Cleanup from roadworks
- Posts and arrows at entrances to passing bays
 - Shifting several signs to better locations
 - Repainting of some signs
 - Some new fencing
 - Moving barriers in car-park
 - Weed control
- Constructing access over gully on walking trail
 - Pruning of foliage over walking trail
 - Work on walking trail
 - Making plant guards

For some of the big jobs, Chris Richardson will be bringing his bobcat out, and Perc Prenzel will bring his tractor to dig post holes. Even if you don't think that you have any of the skills required, don't worry, someone will help and guide you.

In order to arrange jobs and food, please ring David and let him know if you are coming to the working bee, preferably before

October Meeting Report



David Powell from Primary Industries South Australia at Port Augusta came and spoke about revegetation at our October General Meeting.

David said that his background came from primary production, and that his main aim in revegetation was to return degraded land to a state that could sustain production. David showed some interesting before and after slides of land that had been direct seeded. The difference in some over a short space of time was amazing. David also showed some slides of sites that would not regenerate well no matter what was done.

David also showed slides of and discussed rabbit control. The most effective method is to rip warrens. This is not practical in the Park due to the damage caused getting the equipment to the warrens. Imploding warrens with explosives may be feasible however.

Rush Job Calendar

Stolen from somewhere else.....

MIR	FRI	FRI	FRI	THUR	WED	TUES
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
16	14	13	12	11	10	9
23	22	21	20	19	18	17
32	29	28	27	26	25	24
39	38	37	36	35	34	33

1. This is a special calendar which has been developed for handling rush jobs. All rush jobs are wanted yesterday. With this calendar a client can order their work on the 7th and have it back on the 3rd.

2. Everyone wants their job by Friday, so there are three Fridays in every week.

3. There are eight new days at the end of the month for those end of the month jobs.

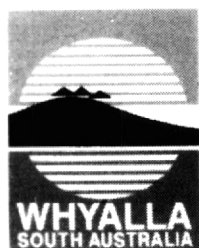
4. There is no 1st of the month so there can't be late delivery of end of month jobs on the 1st.

5. A Monday hangover can't happen, as all Mondays have been eliminated.

6. There are no bothersome non-productive Saturdays and Sundays.

7. With no 15th, 30th or 31st, no time off is necessary for paying bills or cashing salary cheques.

8. MIR Day is a special day each week for performing miracles.



Clean Up The Bush Day Report

Well, the Clean Up The Bush Day turned out to be a bit of a fizzer! Who ordered the weather that day? David Poyner, Alvin Charlesworth, Lance Dean, Clint Garrett,

John Carter, and Vaughan and Brian Moldenhauer turned up at the Speedway at 9am on the 21st of October despite the wind, nine degree temperature and the threat of rain.

After working for an hour, we began to warm up, and David Knox the City Manager, Keith Wilson the Mayor and Christine Maitland joined us. We learnt that the day had been canceled due to the weather, but decided to continue anyway.

All up, after four hours, we collected seven trailer loads of rubbish. Unfortunately, we couldn't use the new dump as it was not ready, and had to cart it all the way through town. We also missed out on the promised BBQ at the end. Anyway, the area around the speedway is much cleaner now!



Committee Report

The October committee meeting was held a week early on the 19th in order to organise the November 4th working bee. Vaughan and Eddie sent their apologies.

The meeting was preceded by a Management Plan Committee meeting, in which David, Marg, Clint and Wendy discussed the draft plan with Ranger Shirley Meyer. This was to help Shirley understand the processes of how the draft plan got to its present stage, explore the main issues involved, to involve her so that she is also part of its production, and to facilitate its forthcoming release.

The committee meeting discussed:

- Jobs to be completed and materials needed at the working bee were identified. Committee members were allocated responsibility for organising aspects of the day.

- Several members commented on the display which was in the Information Service's window from the 9th to 17th of October.

- Lance suggested that the group formulate a long range plan after the management plan is approved. This would give a greater sense of control over the work that is done in the Park. Particular members could be given responsibility for tasks over a long period, eg rabbit or weed control. It was suggested that a special meeting could be held to do this.

- John Carter reported that he had been investigating the correct procedure to be followed when aboriginal artefacts and sites are found within the Park. He is keen to continue following this up.

- Pam and Alvin reported that they are consistently finding large rocks on Wild Dog Hill that have been turned over. These must have been turned over by adults who are very probably poaching reptiles. Members are asked to keep an eye out for possible offenders.

- David reported on the progress of the plant sale preparations, and of the Council's Local Environment Plan.

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