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## Friends of Belair Park - Newsletter no. 4.

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### Recent Events:

#### ① Entry Fee

By now you will have heard of the proposal to charge an entry fee for vehicles into Belair. Friends of Belair welcome such a move in that it will reduce the number of people who enter the park ~~because~~ <sup>intent</sup> on vandalising it because they have nothing better to do. It will also raise revenue that can be spent on Belair - at least as much on the natural environment, as the up-keep of recreation facilities are large!

#### ② Preliminary Debate on Name Change.

On a motion by Stan Evans, Parliament recently debated a change back to "National Park" for Belair. The reasons for not doing so arose far from convincing, and the motion was lost because voting was along party lines. This does not mean the end to such a debate. Other groups such as the SA National Parks Association and the social group associated with National Parks employees are supporting such a move.

#### ③ Park Fence.

This issue has been widely publicised. However, close examination of arguments associated with fire, and difficulties of newly residents getting into the park are mischievous, if not spurious and grossly misleading. The question of aesthetics has some merit, but the NPWS is willing to change the last 3



stands of wire from barbed wire to smooth. As a see-through fence it is rounder near the eye-side of a corrugated iron one, and in time some shrubs should grow near it to ~~give~~ break up its outline. What the petitioners did not make clear to the media of course, was the <sup>numbers of</sup> ~~many~~ people who did not sign the petition.

### Coming Events

① ~~Meetings~~ Dates for future meetings of FOBP are as follows:

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The April ~~will~~ meeting will be led by Harold and Audrey Crowl <sup>resources</sup> for their work in recording bird calls. A tape of the birds of Belair will be available.

The May meeting will be a "members night" at which <sup>3-4</sup> members will address the group on various aspects of Belair.

③ ~~April~~ The project meeting of May 3rd will be the planting of a number of native seedlings in the park. Be at the Information Centre at 10.00am on that day.



② Cleland Walk.

Walk is progressing on the Cleland Walk and final arrangements should be available shortly. This is ~~an~~ activity to publicise the coming centenary of Rats in Forest Australia.

③ Mid-week meeting.

The popular mid-week walk meetings will recommence on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Meet at the Belair Information Centre and explore the park with Ray Nash and Lynda Knight.

④ ~~There are~~ Friends of Rats Forum.

The second Friends of Rats Forum will be held at Black Hill over two days (a Friday and a Saturday) in September. It would be wonderful if a number of Friends of Belair could meet and discuss relevant issues with ~~other~~ representatives from 20 or more other Friends of Rats groups.

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⑤ Belair's Birthday.

Don't forget December 19<sup>th</sup> this year - a Saturday. We will be inviting Friends of Rats groups to celebrate Belair's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday with us. It should be a big occasion. Plan to attend - keep the afternoon and early evening free.

Memberships.

A number of Friends have yet to



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pay their dues for this year. Fees run from  
January to December, and so this year's  
dues are now due. Pay at one of our  
meetings or contact the Treasurer, Paul Reese  
(3730 548).