



RECENT EVENTS.

1 The Birthday Party, this event went off successfully with about 40 persons attending. After eating their picnic dinners, many of the group went on the walk, first to inspect the Old Governor's Summer Residence, then to the Government Farm Oval to see the tree planting and finally on a stroll in the bush to see the Horned Orchid in flower. During the evening Ray. Nash showed a few slides at the Information Center. It was nice to see Wilf Webster who with his wife had just returned from an overseas visit. Also attending were a number of the Friends of Onkaparinga Park, who added to the festival event.

2 Many of you would have read about or heard on the radio of a S.A person being killed in a car accident in Malaya. Unfortunatley this person was a member of our group and we will all miss Joan Brewer. Joan was one of the regular Tuesday walkers and helped at our Cleland Walk preparations as well as being a regular attendant at the monthly general meetings. Our deepest sympathy goes from us all to her family.

3 Purchase of Display Screens.

Early in January the decision of he last General Meeting to purchase some display screens was carried out. They cost somewhat less than expected because through the efforts of Ron Pitman we were able to purchase some plastic board which would take the place (we expect) of the commercial panels. These were significantly cheaper and a little lighter and could be cut to just the right size.

They will not be on view to members at the February meeting because they have been used (!!) and are still being used. The Wilderness Society needed some display screens for their recent NO MINES IN NATIONAL PARKS campaign and so they borrowed ours and the set that belongs to the S. A. National Parks Association (which matches in with ours). They are about to be used in support of the ST.O.P. (STaff Our Parks) Campaign. It would be of considerable help if a Friends member were prepared to spend time in designing and presenting displays on panels we now own. there are plenty of ideas and resources about - it just needs someone to take responsibility of putting it all together - is that someone YOU?

4 The ST.O.P. Campaign.

By now I hope you will have become aware that he Government has identified 13 positions within the NPWS to be axed in the coming months. In response a St.O.P. (STaff Our Parks) Campaign

Committee has been formed. It seeks to raise public awareness about the staffing plight of NPWS and to urge and coordinate voluntary group efforts to fight such a threat.

People at the General meeting will have heard all about it but Newsletter readers are asked to support us by becoming more informed about the issue, support Friends of Belair in what they decide to do about it, purchase "NATIONAL PARKS NEED MORE STAFF" stickers, help raise money for the Campaign (or make donations) and voice their support by telling us and others (especially the Treasurer - Mr Bannon).

Information FACT SHEETS from ST.O.P. are available and more can be obtained from the President.

COMING EVENTS.

1 Next Meetings.

The General Meeting for February the 11th will be a talk and slide show entitled "Parks of Western Australia", by Paul Reece. This should be a very interesting evening so please arrange to attend.

Project meeting for February the 25th will be "The Role of F.O.B.P. in community education about Parks".

Sunday Activity meeting on the 28th of February will be a working bee or rubbish collecting along one of the creeks, depending on weather conditions.

The March general meeting on Thursday the 10th will be a "Members Night", every one is urged to bring along pictures and slides of Belair Activities. Also two or three members will be asked to give a little talk, especially if there are not enough pictures or slides.

Project meeting for March will be held on the 24th.

The Activity meetings for March will be held on Sunday the 27th.

The April General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 14th.

Project meeting for April will be held on the 28th.

Sunday Activity for April will be held on May the 1st.

The General Meeting for May will be on the 12th.

2 Meeting Dates for the rest of this year and 1988 are as follows:-

GEN Meeting		PROJECT Meeting		SUNDAY Activity	
February	11	February	25	February	28
March	10	March	24	March	27
April	14	April	28	May	1
May	12	May	26	May	29

June	9	June	23	June	26
July	14	July	28	July	31
August	11	August	25	August	28
September	8	September	22	September	25
October	13	October	27	October	30
November	10	November	24	November	27
December	8	Birthday Party Monday December 19th.			

All evening meetings to start at 7-45 am, unless indicated, in the Belair Park Information Centre, enter the Park via the Western entrance off the Upper Sturt Road, the gate will be unlocked at 7-30 pm, if coming later than 7-43 pm, please latch the gate after you. Project meetings will be held at the home of Ron and Beth Pitman, 10 Lowan Ave., Glenalta and start at 7-30 pm. Sunday Project meetings will start from the Information Centre at 10-00 am. Generally the Sunday meetings are held on the following Sunday after the Project meeting unless stated otherwise in subsequent Newsletters.

2 The new executive committee is:-

John Hunwick President.

Ron Pitman Secretary.

Paul Reece Treasurer.

with Barry and Marion Burley, Beverly MacClean and Paul Hallam as committee members.

3 Mid-week meeting.

These walks will commence on Tuesday, April 12th.

Come along and explore the park with Lynda Knight and Ray. Nash. Contact Lynda (tel # 2782623) or Ray. (tel # 2785694) for further information.

4 Membership.

Subscriptions fall due in January (fees run from January to December, and so 1988's are due). Pay at one of the meetings or contact the Treasurer, Paul Reece (tel # 3730548). Fees are, Family \$15-00, Single \$10-00 and Concession \$7-50. Subscriptions to 'People Parks and Preservation \$5-00.

5 Belair Nature Notes.

During March the first signs of the new seasons plants will start to show, the first being the small Leak Orchid "Prasophyllum rufum", a very difficult plant to find. This small orchid is pollinated by very small black flies, very much like miniature house flies. One must look very carefully about the small flowers to see one of these flies. Have you seen one yet?

In April the second orchid for the season will be in bloom, this is the Parsons Bands "Eriochilus cucullatus", also small and easily overlooked. You are asked to keep an eye open for the pollinator. If you see any insect visiting these flowers, please contact Paul or Ray.

Sunday Volunteer Working Bees (a non member group of F.o.B.P.).

Once a month various people gather at the information center at 10 am and led by Ray. Nash perform various volunteer duties. If you are interested then you will be most welcome to come along and help. These meetings for 1988 will be held as follows:-

February 7th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st (also F.o.B.P. activity day), May 29th (also F.o.B.P. activity), June 26th (also F.o.B.P. activity), July 24th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th,

November 13th, December 11th.

Also if you wish to pull Bone Seed plants then there is an area for this very useful and exercising activity. It is along the right hand side of the road to Pines Oval, starting at the western end, where there are piles of pulled Bone Seed plants. For further information contact Ray. Nash or Ranger Terry Gregory.

Since the arrival of Europeans in 1788 the following mammals at one time or another have been extinct in South Australia:

- + Platypus *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*
- Western Quoll (Western Native-cat) *Dasyurus geoffroii*
- Spotted-tailed Quoll (Tiger Cat) *Dasyurus maculatus*
- Eastern Quoll (Eastern Native-cat) *Dasyurus viverrinus*
- Red-tailed Phascogale *Phascogale calura*
- Long-tailed Dunnort *Sminthopsis longicaudata*
- Burrowing Bettong *Bettongia lesueur*
- + Brush-tailed Bettong *Bettongia penicillata*
- Desert Rat-kangaroo *Caloprymnus campestris*
- Rufous Hare-wallaby *Lagorchestes hirsutus*
- *Eastern Hare-wallaby *Lagorchestes leporides*
- *Toolache Wallaby *Macropus greyi*
- *Crescent Nailtail Wallaby *Onychogalea lunata*
- Long-nosed Potoroo *Potorous tridactylus*
- Tasmanian Pademelon *Thylagale billardieri*
- Numbat *Myrmecobius fasciatus*
- *Pig-footed Bandicoot *Chaeropus ecaudatus*
- Golden Bandicoot *Isaodon auratus*
- Western Barred Bandicoot *Perameles bougainville*
- *Desert Bandicoot *Perameles eremiana*
- Eastern Barred Bandicoot *Perameles gunnii*
- + Koala *Phascogale cinereus*
- Bilby (Rabbit-eared Bandicoot) *Macrotis lagotis*
- *Lesser Bilby *Macrotis leucura*
- *White-footed Rabbit-rat *Conilurus albipes*
- *Gould's Mouse *Pseudomys gouldii*
- Heath Rat *Pseudomys shortridgei*
- *Long-tailed Hopping-mouse *Notomys longicaudatus*
- *Short-tailed Hopping-mouse *Notomys amplius*
- *Lesser Stick-nest Rat *Leporillus apicalis*
- Squirrel Glider *Petaurus norfolcensis*
- Pale Field-rat (Tunney's Rat) *Rattus tunneyi*
- Ghost Bat *Macroderma gigas*

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