



FRIENDS OF BELAIR PARK NEWSLETTER #11, November 1988.

THE FRIENDS OF BELAIR PARK.

The Friends group exists to provide opportunities for people, young and old, to be involved in supporting work of Park Rangers and others in maintaining the park. Because Belair is the oldest national park in South Australia it has historical and social values associated with it in addition to those related to the natural environment. All these aspects are of interest to the Friends, and for those who wish to know more about the park itself, (or the values associated with it) there are General Meetings held on the 2nd Thursday night of the month in the Belair Information Centre at 7-45 p.m.

For those people who wish to be engaged in particular work projects, these are held every 4th Saturday afternoon, meeting at the Belair Information Centre at 2 p.m., or every 4th Sunday morning (but two weeks ahead or behind the Saturday event), meeting at the Belair Information Centre at 10 a.m. There are Planning Meetings, to which all members may attend if they wish, held very second month on the 4th Thursday at 7-30 p.m. at the home of Ron and Beth Pitman. If you want to join in, you will be most welcome.

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, there are walks in the park which last for about 2 hours, meeting at the Belair Information Centre at 2 p.m.

For further information read the various notices below, and contact any member of the Executive.

John Hunwick	President	276 6885.
Ron Pitman	Secretary	278 2760.
Paul Reece	Treasurer	373 0548.

with members Barry and Marianne Burley, Beverley McClean and Paul Hallman.

RECENT EVENTS

1 Professor Cleland Walk 1988.

This annual event was again a success. More than 40 people took part, starting at 9-30 a.m. at the Main Oval Pavilion and finishing (for most) between 2-30 and 3-00 p.m. The weather was excellent and all had an enjoyable time.

Many people worked hard to make the event a success. Daphne Johncock and Barry Burley made the badge designs; Amber Kell did a magnificent job of colouring them in and Ray Nash assembled the pieces. Christine Stanley, Beth Pitman and Ron Pitman all assisted in the starting of the walk and at the finish provided tea, coffee and cordials for the tired walkers on their return. Special commendation goes to all those who helped in mowing the section of the walk that was not plainly marked. A special thank you to Barry for publicity, map making and the certificates. All this cooperation made it a most memorial occasion. Thanks to everyone.

2 BELAIR FRIENDS visit to ONKAPARINGA PARK.

On Thursday the 27th of September about 10 members of the F. o. B. P. visited the patch of scrub at the north west corner of the Onkaparinga Recreation Park, where they met up with about 20 members of the Friends of that park (by arrangement per R. Nash and F. Trueman). The group made a most enjoyable walk through the above area ending with quite a spread of food and drink at the end. We have been asked to visit them again, soon.

1 November 10th General Meeting.

The event for this evening will be a visit to Wurrawong animal reserve near Mylor. Meet at the Western Gate of Belair Park at 7-00 p.m. and bring \$8-00 for the entry fee into the reserve.

2 V.I.P. Working Bee Sunday 13th of November.

If you are interested meet at 10-00 a.m. at the Blair Information Centre. The activity this day was to have been the 3.5 hour walk but may be changed to weeding and watering plants on the Government Farm or Pines Ovals. All welcome.

3 N.P.W.S. Thank You Tea.

You are reminded that the N.P.W.S. are hosting a tea for Friends and Volunteers on November the 13th, starting at 5-00 p.m. at the Hall in Heron Way, Hallett Cove (just south of the Hallett Cove Conservation Park).

4 Saturday Activity 26th November.

Meet at the Belair Information Centre at 2-00 p.m. and be prepared to collect rubbish or pull Bone Seed.

5 December 8th Annual General Meeting.

At this meeting an election for President and at least four members of the Executive Committee will be held. There will be a report from the Treasurer on the past year's financial state. Friends of Belair Park are reminded that subscriptions for 1989 will then fall due. Members are asked to B.Y.O. supper. Entertainment in the form of slides, pictures and video of Belair and events for the past year, will be provided by those who care to bring any of the above along to show the others.

6 Street Stall Friday 16th December 1988.

This is being held to raise funds for the Friends of Belair. One of the purposes of the fund will be to provide all members with a copy of the "People, Parks and Preservation" magazine. The remaining funds will be used on projects throughout the next year. Saleable items for the stall include cakes, and more cakes, pies, biscuits, jams, potted plants, fruit, vegetables, Christmas items etc. Please inform Marianne Burley and/or deliver to the stall on Main Road, Blackwood (by the pedestrian lights) by 9-30 a.m. on the Friday morning. Also wanted volunteers to run the stall.

7 Belair's and the F.o.B.P. Birthday.

As usual, on December the 19th the Friends will gather at the Adventure Playground at 5-30 p.m. for the 97th Belair Park and the 3rd Friends Birthday tea. The B.B.Qs in the area will be booked for those who want to use them. The tea will be followed by a walk and then a slide show featuring Belair Park along with a cup of tea or coffee. Be there, bring your family and friends.

8 The first General Meeting for 1989.

This meeting will be held on Thursday February the 9th in the Belair Information Centre and will feature Peter Brinkworth and his slides of an English National Park.

Junior Rangers.

This group continues to grow in a healthy manner, with the membership now in excess of 140.