



JULY 1991

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Saturday meeting format certainly appears to be successful, with healthy attendances to all of that days events. Those who have made the effort to come and share their lunch hour, would have benefited as much as I have. The opportunities for discussion are heightened, and so too the chance to wade through the reams of correspondence. This help us to save meeting time, and enables us to get on with the important things.

It is very pleasing for me as President to receive as much member support and cooperation as I am. Thank you for this. I feel confident that we are well on the way to a most successful year.

Liaison with the NPWS is better than ever. Much of the credit must rest with Lyndall (attends our meetings even on her days off). Congratulations Lyndall, we really do appreciate your efforts.

As a group, we must now concentrate on our next big undertaking: "PLANT A HABITAT DAY" on Sunday 25th. August. Planning for this is at present being undertaken by your committee, and I will keep you informed of our progress.

If you feel that you can help in any way, I would be pleased to hear from you.

PARK NEWS- FROM CATH'S DESK.

"Step Back in Time" day- 28th April, was a great success with about 400 people attending; many of whom stayed on after the official events; to enjoy a picnic in the park. The two horse drawn carriages bearing various guests of honour, with their police and National Park horse escort were an attractive feature, as they made their way from site to site.

"Discover Belair's World"- a school holiday programme for the "young at heart" was held during the first week of the April holidays. Ninety four parents and children attended the five two hour sessions and about fifty people came to find out what goes bump growl and screech in the night, by partaking in two night walks- followed by tea and damper. A similar programme is planned for the September holidays- so mark it in your diaries and plan to bring along the conservationists of tomorrow.

In the Park we are well down the road to finishing the re-surfacing of 16 tennis courts and the new toilet blocks (at Playford Lake and Willows) will be ready for use in the next 4-6 weeks. The dry weather has meant the burning of pine and olive heaps has been very successful, and is almost finished. Apologies fo the sore eyes and smoke smelling washing to our neighbours.

Staff involved in the game of "musical positions" include Rob Robinson (Ranger Gd. 1) who has gone to Fleurieu and is living at Deep Creek. Diana Papenfus (Ranger Gd.2) and Peter Coombe (Park Assist.) have both transferred to the Far North- Diana to Wilpena, and Peter to Orroroparinna.

Darrel Wanke (Ranger Gd.4) is back at Belair after 3 month's relieving in the Gammon Ranges at Balcnonna.

WORKING BEES AND ACTIVITIES

The first working bee was held in April, following the General Meeting. A number of people, (12+) inspected the area adjacent to Melville House, which has been selected as an area to re-vegetate, specifically for Bandicoots.

The task confronting Ray is enormous- GOOD LUCK Ray!

WORKING BEES AND ACTIVITIES (cont)

The May Working Bee saw perhaps a record attendance. We checked the areas along Pines Oval Road, and the areas around the oval for Boneseed regrowth. Sadly, significant regrowth has occurred, but fortunately, it is very easy to remove. The oval area is desperately in need of weeding, and on this day a start was at least made in this direction. This days events were recorded by our groups "Official Photographer", Cath Norman.

The June working bee was set down as a planting day. Unfortunately, this task was only possible for a short time between showers. However, those shrubs and trees planted, have certainly benefited from the soaking rains that followed. Considerable time was lost to the making of tree guards, and we desperately need to make more before the next planting. If you can help, please contact Barry, Ray or Lyndall.

We are now the proud owners of a STIHL chainsaw. However, before any of us will be able to use it, we must have the necessary accreditation by NPWS in its use, and that of poisons.

LIAISON.

As mentioned, liaison with the NPWS has never been better. We are receiving quick and sensitive responses to all our (reasonable) requests. Our thanks to Cath, Terry and Lyndall.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

Our first guest speaker for the year was from "Field Naturalist Society, mammal club". Elizabeth's talk was illustrated with excellent slides, and was found by all in attendance, to be fascinating, and most informative.

There will be more speakers during the year, but at the time of writing, no dates were available.

PLANT A HABITAT DAY

As mentioned, this will take place on Sunday 25th August, between the hours of 10-00am and 4-00pm.

The venue will be the Coach House at Old Government House, and we will need volunteers, over three shifts, each of two (2) hours.

YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL if this event is to be successful.

Following a special meeting on Sunday June 2, your committee assigned co-ordinators to various tasks, which range from catering to publicity.

If you can help please contact Barry, Lareen, or Joy. Arrangements for the day will be discussed in detail in the July, and August meetings.

BUTCHER'S GAP VISIT

This event was well attended, and from all accounts a very enjoyable time was had by all.

As usual the "Friends of Butcher's Gap", ensured that every-one had a good time, and saw as much of their parks as possible.

SPECIAL thanks must be extended to Daphne, for organising the excursion, and for making her house at Robe available to all who went. THANK YOU DAPHNE.

CANS AND BOTTLE COLLECTION.

Don't forget to save all your cans and bottles for Paul and Betty. The Friends of Onkaparinga are on target for their bridge, but still need to raise many thousands of dollars. Our help is crucial.

NEW MEMBERS.

This year has seen several new members join our ranks, and it is pleasing to me that at last word of the "Friends" is being passed on. Welcome Rene Snell, David Peacock, Bill Hannaford and Lynne Coombe. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

Friday 5th. July
Saturday 6th. July
Saturday 3rd. August
Sunday 25th. August "Plant a Habitat"

AFTER NOTE:

Following the Liberal Party's recent announcement, in respect of their policy on Parks, a letter of protest has been forwarded to the Advertiser. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, it will have already been published.

Friends of Belair Park - 1991 Programme

MAY

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| Saturday 4th. | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 4th. | 2-00pm | Activity (Weed control) |
| Friday 10th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 14th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Sat. 18th-Mon. 20th | Visit to Butcher's Gap | |
| Friday 24th | * 10-00am | PATRON'S WALK (Sturt Gorge) |
| Tuesday 28th. | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| JUNE | | |
| Saturday 1st. | 1-00pm | General Meeting-Guest Speaker |
| Saturday 1st. | 2-00pm | Activity (Planting near Info Cnt) |
| Friday 7th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 11th. | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 21st | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Sunday 23rd | 10-00am | Planting with Ray Nash |

JULY

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| Friday 5th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Saturday 6th. | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 6th. | 2-00pm | Activity (Planting near Info Cnt) |
| Sunday 7th | 10-00am | Planting with Ray Nash |
| Tuesday 8th. | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 19th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 23rd. | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 30th | * 10-00am | PATRON'S WALK (Sturt Gorge) |

AUGUST

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| Friday 2nd | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Saturday 3rd. | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 3rd. | 2-00pm | Activity (Weed Control) |
| Sunday 4th | 10-00am | Planting with Ray Nash |
| Tuesday 13th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 16th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |

AUGUST

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| Sunday 18th | 10-00am | Planting with Ray Nash |
| Sunday 25th | 10-00am | HABITAT DAY (Public planting) |
| Tuesday 27th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 30th | * 10-00am | PATRON'S WALK (Scott Creek) |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat. 7th-Sun. 8th | FRIENDS of PARKS FORUM | |
| Tuesday 10th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 13th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Sunday 22nd | 9-30am | Prof. CLELAND WALK |
| Tuesday 24th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 27th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |

OCTOBER

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| Saturday 5th | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 5th | 2-00pm | Activity (Weed Control) |
| Tuesday 8th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 11th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 22nd | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 25th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 29th | 2-00pm | PATRON'S WALK (Scott Creek) |

NOVEMBER

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| Saturday 2nd | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 2nd | 2-00pm | Activity (Weed Control) |
| Friday 8th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 12th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Sunday 17th | GRAND HERITAGE PICNIC | |
| Friday 22nd | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Tuesday 26th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |

DECEMBER

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| Friday 6th | * 9-30am | PATRON'S WALK (KUITPO) |
| Saturday 7th | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 7th | 2-00pm | Activity (Seed collection) |

DECEMBER

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| Tuesday 10th | 2-00pm | Walk in the Park |
| Thursday 18th | BELAIR'S 100th BIRTHDAY PARTY | |
| Friday 20th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |

JANUARY 1992

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| Friday 3rd | * 10-00am | PATRON'S WALK |
| Friday 17th | * 10-00am | PATRON'S WALK |

NOTE: If Temp. is over 30 deg. Walks won't proceed

FEBRUARY 1992

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| Saturday 1st | 1-00pm | General Meeting |
| Saturday 1st | 2-00pm | Activity |
| Friday 14th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 28th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |

MARCH 1992

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| Saturday 7th | 1-00pm | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING |
| Saturday 7th | 2-00pm | Activity |
| Friday 13th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |
| Friday 27th | 10-00am | Walk in the Park |

SPECIAL NOTES

- * Tuesday walks conclude in December and commence again in April (Refer new Programme)
- * Meeting places for PATRON'S Walks as advised. *
- * NOTE new meeting time.
- * Don't forget to come for lunch at 12-00 before the GENERAL MEETING each month.