



FRIENDS
of BELAIR PARK



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Friends of Belair Park have now, I believe, began to show their tremendous potential. All members should feel very proud of the group's recent achievements. Our planting projects and weed removal efforts have now culminated in our most successful undertaking yet- "PLANT A HABITAT DAY." Good attendances by the public and the BLACKWOOD SCOUT GROUP, were achieved despite the very poor weather. For all who helped- THANK YOU. It was your efforts that made the day the success it was.

This event earned F.O.B.P. a centenary certificate at this years Forum.

Congratulations must be extended to Ron & Beth Pitman on their special award, which was presented to them at the Forum dinner by the Minister for the Environment, Susan Lenehan.

Whilst on the matter of congratulations: Ray Nash and Joyce Underdown have brought added glory to the group. In recognition of their work, their names have been included among the list of "100 significant persons". A special dinner will be held at the Adelaide Town Hall will celebrate these achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH.

Perhaps a matter that should deserve more attention, is the impact our well intentioned work ultimately has on the environment we all love so much. We must start to look more critically at our methods; both in our planting and pest plant removal techniques. It can be reasonably demonstrated, that many of these invaders are in fact artificial habitat, and as such a means of protection for both Flora and Fauna species.

Discussions with other "Friends" have shown my concerns to be real. Please don't think I am advocating the non-removal of these pests: I am not; rather I am simply suggesting that we make adequate provision to protect the legitimate inhabitants.

If you share my concern, I would welcome suggestions to solve this difficult problem.

WORKING BEES and ACTIVITIES.

Your efforts this year this year have been exemplary, and in a short space of time a great deal has been achieved. The time is fast approaching when our efforts should look to preparations for next year. Seed collection and propagation must be undertaken with a degree of urgency. Obviously the success of these ventures again depends on your help. Remember a little help goes a long way. I will discuss these matters in depth at the next meeting.

LIAISON.

As you are no doubt aware, Lyndall has been in hospital, and away from work for some time. I am please to advise that she has made a good recovery, and is now back at work. Welcome back Lyndall.

PLANT A HABITAT DAY.

As mentioned earlier, this event was a resounding success, resulting in approximately 700-800 plants being placed. To place the icing on the cake- Joy has advised that we actually made a small profit. Special thanks must be extended to Harry Crouch for the kind donation of his bird tapes, several of which were sold on the day.

1991 PROF. CLELAND WALK.

Don't forget this special event, which commences at 9-30am on SUNDAY 22nd. SEPTEMBER. Please attend if you can.

LOGO AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS.

A motion was put forward and passed at the last meeting, to alter our logo.

Its new form will be the same as that on our sweaters.

Following a suggestion for a new membership application form, it is envisaged that any new form should be simplified. Ideally it would be single sided and not as wordy as a last form. Perhaps a separate form detailing our activities could be produced, and then accompany any forms sent out.

I would welcome any additional ideas, which we will discuss at the next meeting.

PARK NEWS-FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK.

In case you were not aware, Cath is attending a conference in Switzerland, as the South Australian representative at the World Environmental Protection Conference.

John White is acting Regional Manager in her absence.

1991 "100th. BIRTHDAY PARTY"

As the time is fast approaching, preparations for this event must be undertaken as soon as possible.

I envisage that this years format will be varied from that of last year, to enable all persons attending the chance to enjoy the event. I will discuss my ideas at the next meeting.

CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with the above-mentioned document, it is essential that an addition be made to our constitution.

Simply put; we need to add a clause that states that we are a non-profit making organisation.

It is felt that with the changes in the Taxation laws, the addition of such a clause may prove to be prudent.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FORUM.

The Community Liaison Unit recently approached me with the proposition that "Friends of Belair" cater for this events Saturday lunch.

Pam suggested to me that we could treat this as a fund raiser. Investigations were undertaken by Marianne, and we came to the conclusion that it was definitely possible. I accepted the challenge on our behalf, and quoted Pam \$10 per head.

It is envisaged that the menu would comprise BBQ, salads, fruit and cheese platters, and drinks.

The Community Liaison Unit would pay us in advance, so we would not incur any personal expense at all.

The only catch, if there is any, is that I need your help on SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER.

All salad ingredients will be paid for, so all I need is your help, and expertise.

AFTERNOTE.

Your President has been invited to participate in this Forum (The first time a Friends representative has been invited.), and I see it as an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of Friends groups generally, and to create a cross flow of information.

1991 FRIENDS FORUM.

This event was extremely well attended by members of F.O.B.P., and I am sure that everyone who went had a most enjoyable time.

Many vital topics were discussed, with several proposals put forward.

Next years Forum is to be held in Whyalla, and following a discussion with Colin Malcolm, it appears that F.o.B.P. and F.O.P. may hire a bus or a train to transport us to the Forum. There will no doubt be a lot more discussion on this, with arrangements finalised before February 1992.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

This event is listed in the Centenary calender for 30th. September. Although we are supposed to be participants with the organisers, "Life be in it", I have not received any information at all. It would appear that we are not needed.

COMING EVENTS.

Sunday 22nd September Prof Cleland Walk
commences at 9-30am Info. centre.

Sunday 29th September Friends of Onkaparinga
Open Day in Onkaparinga River Park.
at Sundews entrance (gate 16)
Piggott Hill Range Road

Saturday 5th. October. General Meeting
1-00pm at Info. centre.

Saturday 19th October
Helpers for consultative Committee Lunch

Saturday 26th. October -Bridge opening
Friends of Onkaparinga
(Time and place will be confirmed

Tuesday 29th October Patrons Walk Scott Creek
Meet at 2-00pm (check with Ray Nash)