



# **FEBRUARY 1992**

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# **NEWSLETTER**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

1st. FEBRUARY	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	SEED COLLECTION	
1st. MARCH	CHAINSAW COURSE	
7th. MARCH	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	PLANT RE-POTTING	
31st MARCH	**PATRON'S WALK	....2-00pm
4th. APRIL	LUNCH with FRIENDS OF UPPER SOUTH EAST	....12-00 noon
	(Friends of Belair to provide lunch)	
	Working Bee and Park Tour.	
14th. & 28th APRIL	TUESDAY WALK	....2-00pm
2nd. MAY	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	WEED REMOVAL	
12th. & 26th MAY	TUESDAY WALK	....2-00pm
6th. JUNE	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	GUEST SPEAKER	....2-00pm
9th & 23rd. JUNE	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
28th JUNE	HABITAT PLANTING	....10-00am- 4-00pm
3rd. JUNE	**PATRON'S WALK	....2-00pm
4th JULY	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	WEED REMOVAL	....2-00pm
14th & 28th JULY	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
31st JULY	** PATRON'S WALK	....10-00am
1st AUGUST	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	GUEST SPEAKER (BUTTERFLIES)	....2-00pm
7th-9th AUGUST	FRIENDS FORUM- WHYALLA	
1st & 25th AUGUST	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
30th AUGUST	PLANTING DAY	....10-00am- 4-00pm
5th SEPTEMBER	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	WORKING BEE	....2-00pm
8th & 22nd SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
27th SEPTEMBER	PROF. CLELAND WALK	....9-30am
2nd. SEPTEMBER	PATRON'S WALK	....2-00pm
3rd OCTOBER	GENERAL MEETING	....1-00pm
" "	WORKING BEE	....2-00pm
13th & 27th. OCTOBER	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
7th NOVEMBER	LUNCH & OUTSIDE MEETING	....12-00noon
	(VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	
" "	WORKING BEE	....2-00pm
10th & 24th NOVEMBER	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
5th DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING & WORKING BEE	...1-00pm
8th & 24th DECEMBER	TUESDAY WALKS	....2-00pm
19th DECEMBER	BELAIR'S BIRTHDAY PARTY	....5-00pm

\*\*Contact Ray for meeting place details ph.2785694



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

It hardly seems possible that we have commenced a new year already; just when I was getting used to writing 1991!

I would like to offer my congratulations to all members for a most successful year, which concluded in style at our 100th. birthday party, on the 19th. of December.

Considering the impact that the Centenary had on "Friends" activities during 1991, it was pleasing to me to see so many people at this event. For the record, I think we had about 80 persons. Those who were unable to be with us, missed our best dinner yet.

My thanks go to all those who helped to make this night the grand success it was.

This year it is intended that our tree planting efforts will concentrate on one or two weekends. Perhaps "Habitat Day" should become an annual event in FOBP's calendar?

It is proposed that our focus will be in the area currently being cleared- around the vicinity of Belair Railway Station and along Upper Sturt Road to the Main Entrance of the park. (A copy of the Park Action plan is held by me.)

Perhaps our efforts may help to quell the growing public disquiet with NPWS methods.

The time is ripe to recruit plant minders: don't forget with a goal of over 1000 plants this year, we need to share the care load. (So far about 300 have minders)

FOBP have received a total of \$1000 of grants this year. \$500 went for the purchase of plants on HABITAT DAY, \$275 to re-imburse the cost of our chain-saw, and the remainder will be used when we purchase and install our tool shed. More details will be given at the next meeting.

## WORKING BEES

Our efforts during 1991 have been excellent. We have achieved what we set out to do and more: We have worked as a team, and for this reason, had more success. However, we can still improve: not by working harder, but by working more effectively. This is only going to be possible with more help from NPWS, which is there for the asking.

The main thing is- don't be discouraged, let's enjoy what we do.

## LIAISON.

Lydall will continue to be our staff contact, but I have been informed that from time to time, Dean Launer, and Steve Gilbert will conduct workshops on a variety of different themes. I will advise when more details are to hand. viz. Chainsaw course etc.

## CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Bob Moore (Aldinga Friends) has been appointed to the chair of the Sturt Consultative Committee. Congratulations to Bob.



1972 FRIENDS FORUM-- WHYALLA (Frid. 7-Sun 9th. August)

As most of you are aware, it is hoped that we may be able to organise a bus to attend this event. I would appreciate your earliest registration of interest, as we will need to discuss details with other Friends groups.

DON'T DELAY!- DO IT NOW!

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This will be held on Saturday the 7th of March at 1-00pm at the Belair Information Centre. All offices will be declared vacant, so please give careful consideration to your nominations, but make sure that your nominee is happy to stand. Strictly speaking, all nominations should be in writing, signed by the nominee, and in the returning officers hand prior to the AGM.

#### CALENDAR OF 1992 EVENTS.

I had hoped to have this by the February meeting, but I am experiencing difficulties with some of the staging.

Hopefully everyone should have a copy by the AGM. It is envisaged that this year we will have a number of special guest speakers. I do not intend to give many details, so if you do not come to all our meetings, you may miss out on something special.

#### CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION.

As mentioned last Newsletter- we need to make a minor change to this document.viz

...FOBP is a non-profit making organisation.

#### FEES FOR 1992

Fees for 1992 will be as agreed to at the last AGM, and are due at the AGM. Those new members who joined after June last year are financial until the AGM in 1993.

#### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY WALKS.

Tuesday walks will continue again this year, with Lynda Knight as the convenor. These will commence after the HOT weather, (April) and be held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month.

The continuation of the Friday walks will depend on you. It was always intended that these walks be conducted by a person appointed on the previous walk, so that no one person need shoulder the burden of organisation.