



# THE NEWSLETTER

of

## The FRIENDS of BELAIR PARK

### SEPTEMBER 1993

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Committee members Lareen Newman, Godfrey Parkinson and Barry Burley.

## PAST EVENTS

### MEETING REPORTS.

No reports on meetings have again been submitted.

### WALK REPORTS

#### Tuesday Walks by Lynda Knight.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays during the last three months, a group averaging eight or nine friends have enjoyed walking in the Belair National Park. We have explored Echo Tunnel again, and the Lower Waterfall, as well as Ampitheatre Rock and the fire lookout on Jubilee Drive. Some intrepid climbers investigated the "Caves" in the hillside opposite the willows Oval.

Some of the native orchids we have noticed include *Pterostylis sanguinea* (the new name for this plant, Editor), *Ptr. nana*, *Ptr. robusta* and the "Mosquito Orchid" (*Acianthus pusillus*, new name again Editor) were in abundance. We expected to see the "Helemet Orchid" (*Corybas diemenicus*) on our next walk, August the 10th.

Weed-pulling is a by product of our walks- there are millions still flourishing in the Park.

#### Patron's Walk by Vern Whittenbury.

June 29th 1993.

A happy time was had by those who explored Sturt Gorge on this walk. Initially we noted the shrubby form of the golden wattle (*Acacia pycnatha*) -

perhaps more attractive than the larger tree found in Belair. Flowers in the understory included the snow-white scented sundew (*Drosera whittakerii*) and a colony of the larger striped greenhood (*Pterostylis robusta*). The spectacular view of the gorge was enhanced by impressive stands of the Mt. Lofty grass-tree (*Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata*) on the rocky slopes. After a scramble down to the mini falls, our leisurely return to the cars included some habitual boneseed pulling, but we were then rewarded with the traditional cuppa.

### WORKING BEES REPORTS

Although there were to be no working bees officially, these events were still carried out by a few members, at one, four ladies attended and they used the mulcher for the first time.

## COMING EVENTS

### MEETINGS

**September** 4th, General Meeting, 1-00 pm, Information Centre, followed by a working bee.

**October** 9th General Meeting, 1-00 pm, Information Centre Theater, followed by a working Bee.

**November** 6th General meeting, 1-00 pm, Information Centre theater, followed by a working Bee.

**December** 4th General Meeting, 1-00 pm, Information Centre Theater, followed by a Working Bee.

The deadline for the next Newsletter is November 20th. 1993, please have your contributions in by then. Thank you, the Editor.



## WORKING BEES

**September** Sun. 19th, meet at working area, 10-00 am.

**October** Sun. 17th, meet at working area, 10-00 am.

**November** Sun. 21st, meet at working area, 10-00 am.

**December** non but a good time to collect seed.

**January** 1994 is also a good time to collect seed.

## WALKS

### Tuesday Walks

**September** 14th & 28th, meet Information Centre Carpark at 2-00 p.m.

**October** 12th & 26th, meet Information Centre Carpark at 2-00 p.m.

**November** 9th & 23rd, meet Information Centre Carpark at 2-00 p.m.

**December** 14th & 28th, meet Information Centre Carpark at 2-00 p.m.

### Patron's Walks

**November** 30th, how about a visit to the Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens? Meet at the Junction of Upper Sturt Rd. and Ranky's Hill, 1-30 pm. Those members who do not have a car and would like to come please make arrangements with a person who owns a car and will go.

## CLELAND WALK

**SEPTEMBER** Sunday 26th, leaving at 9.30 a.m., from the Information Centre and going in an anticlockwise direction with the morning tea break at the Cherry Grove in Sparkes Gully and the lunch time stop at the Upper Waterfall. End of the walk will be at the Information Centre with afternoon drinks etc. Members Please make a definite point to come as you are very much needed.

## FRIENDS FORUM

The forum this year is to be held at Napperby, near Port Pirie, from September the 10th to 12th inclusive. A reporter is needed please.

## PARKS AND GROUPS BIRTHDAY.

This event will take place on December 19th, a Sunday this year, start planning now.

## PATRON'S TALK

by Ray. Nash, alias the editor.

First I am going to talk more or less as the editor and what I have to say is not pleasant. I am very disappointed with the lack of response with the efforts that have not been made in supplying information on the recent events, other than two members, no one seems to want to make any reports on meetings or other activities not covered by the very few. If information is not forthcoming then I cannot fill the space in the newsletter for this. When it comes to future events the same applies and I have heard that the working bees are this or are that, I am not going to print gossip.

If members want a newsletter then members have to contribute. Hopefully this was to have been a show piece newsletter for the forum, it is a sad one.

Now as your patron, I am wondering if it is worth being such, I really do not want the position. My election as Patron was made to stop me from fading out of the group. Problems I had when president still exist and should be corrected. For instance see how enthusiastic people are at meetings that certain things should be done, the number that volunteer to help and when the event is first carried out about half of those volunteering turn up but after the event is run for three time all that turn up are the same very small group of real Friends of Belair Park. If we worked as hard as we can talk then much would be done.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES.

### PLANT WATCH by Lareen Newman.

#### CHOOSE A PLANT NOW READY FOR WHEN THE BUDS APPEAR!!!

It doesn't matter if someone else has chosen the same, the flowering times are quite different in different parts of the park and will surely differ each year according to the weather.

## MANY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVER DUE.

### HAVE YOU PAYED YOURS YET?

If not, then Joyce will be pleased to receive. yours.