



May 1987

RECENT EVENTS.

1 General News.

In April and May the Friends had two very successful meetings - one with Harold and Audrey Crouch who told us about bird recording and played the tape they had made of the birds in Belair, along with slides of each performer. The second meeting was of short addresses by members. Lynda Knight spoke about the Servants Quarters associated with the Governor's Summer Residence, Ken Eifold presented information about Samuel Dixon - a co-founder of Belair National Park, and Paul Reece shared with us some of his knowledge of native orchids.

In relation to projects, the group has planted out more than 100 *Eucalyptus viminalis* seedlings ( in the milk cartons provided by members ) along the slope above tennis court 37; 26 *Allocasuarina* sps. (Bullock) have been planted out by R. Wash, nine at tennis court 61 and 17 north of Pines Oval. Another 52 of the last named plants have been used to revegetate parts of Sturt Gorge Recreation Park, again from plants grown in the cartons.

2 Cleland Walk.

This project continues to progress steadily now that we have walked all around the park, and established that it will take up to six hours to complete. It has been decided to hold the inaugural walk on Sunday, October the 25th ( not the 18th as initially proposed ) so plan to come along on that day. In the meantime assistance for this project will be required over the next couple of months.

3 NPWS Liasion with 'Friends'.

In recent weeks the NPWS have been undergoing a staff reorganisation. Now that it has settled somewhat it is pleasing to know that Ranger Terry Gregory has been given responsibility for liasing between voluntary groups like our 'Friends' and the NPWS in the Sturt District. Terry is well known for his concern for the park and its acceptance and understanding by neighbours and visitors. His tact and diplomacy have already been responsible for smoothing out many problems and we look forward to his involvement and guidance of our group.

COMING EVENTS.

1 Park Entry Fees.

As Friends of Belair you will know that from July first there will be an entry fee of \$2-00 per vehicle ( or an annual fee of \$20-00 ). This step has been taken only after a lot of consideration on the part of the NPWS. It was first suggested in 1933 when the Government withdrew its annual National Park grant because of the Depression. South Australia is the last state in Australia to introduce entry fees. At the general meeting on June 11th, Mr Nicholas Newland, Deputy Director of NPWS, will outline the background to this decision. If this is an issue that concerns you, make sure you are there to hear him.

2 Meeting Dates for future meetings of the F.o.B.P. are as follows:-

GEN Meeting	PROJECT Meeting	SUNDAY Activity
June 11	June 25	June 28
July 9	July 23	July 26
August 13	August 27	August 30
September 10	September 24	September 27
October 8	October 22	October 25
November 12	November 26	November 29
December 10		

\* These dates are to be confirmed through out the year in the Newsheet.

All evening meetings to start at 7-45 am, unless indicated, in the Belair Park Information Centre, enter the Park via the Western entrance off the Upper Sturt Road, the gate will be unlocked at 7-30 pm, if coming later than 7-43 pm, please latch the gate after you. Project meetings will be held at the home of Ron and Beth Pitman, 10 Loman Ave., Glenalta and start at 7-30 pm. Sunday Project meetings will start from the Information centre at 10-00 am unless stated otherwise.

The Sunday Activity for May the 31st: meet at the Belair Information Centre at 10-00 am and this will either be more tree planting or pulling pines.

The June general meeting; Nicholas Newland - 'The Background to the Park Entry Fee'. See fuller notice above.

The July general meeting; Activities ( badge making, Cleland Walk preparation etc. )

3 Cleland Walk.

Work is progressing on the Cleland Walk and final arrangements should be available shortly. This is our activity to publicise the coming centenary of Parks in South Australia.

4 Mid-week meeting.

The popular mid-week walk meetings are again being held ( weather permitting ) on every alternate Tuesday afternoon, starting at 2-00 pm. Those for June will be held on the 9th and 23rd. and each second Tuesday after. Come along and explore the park with Lynda Knight and Ray. Wash. Contact Lynda ( tel # 2782623 ) or Ray. ( tel # 2785694 ) for further information.

5 Friends of Parks Forum.

The second Friends of Parks Forum will be held at Black Hill over two days, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th of September 1987. \* It would be wonderful if a number of Friends of Belair could meet and discuss relevant issues with representatives from 30 or more other Friends of Parks groups.

6 Belair Birthday.

Do not forget December the 19th this year - a Saturday. We will be inviting Friends of Parks groupes to celebrate Belair's 96th birthday with us. It should be a big occasion. Please plan to attend -- keep the afternoon and early evening free.

Membership.

A number of Friends have yet to pay their subs for this year. Fees run from January to December, and so this years subs are now due. Pay at one of the meetings or contact the Treasurer, Paul Reece ( tel # 3730548 ).