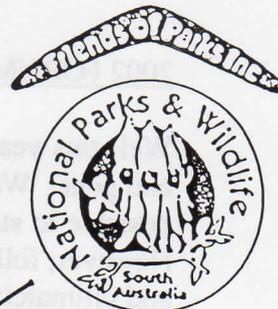




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

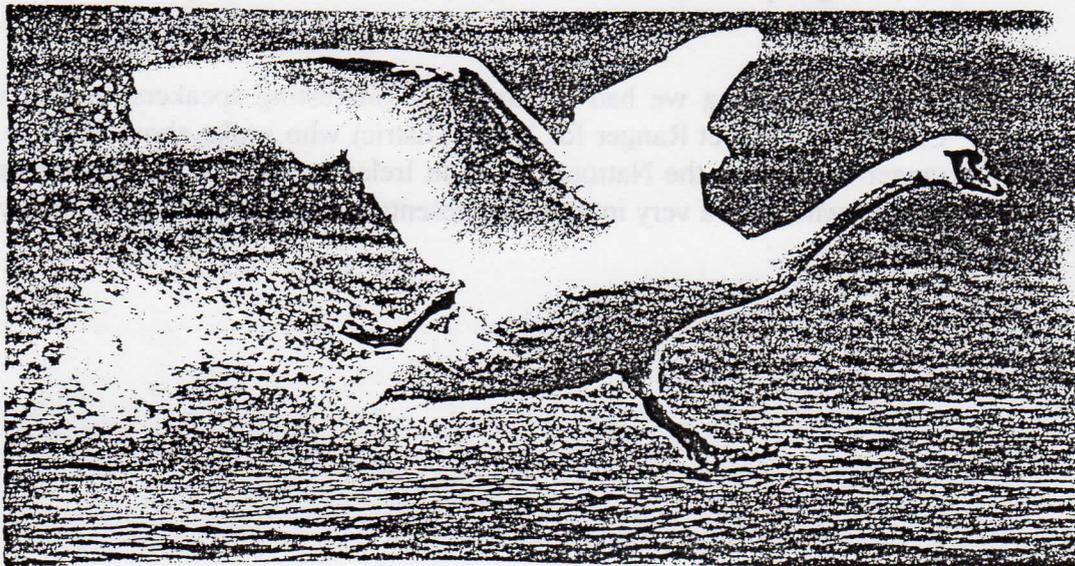
By the time you have read this newsletter several of our members will have attended a poisons course and a venomous species course with a Bushcare course still to come. It is important for our own satisfaction to keep our skills and knowledge up to date. It's even better if we can improve them. I would encourage all active and new members to attend courses.

Preparations are well under way for this years Professor Cleland Walk. With spring arriving early instead of after Christmas like last year you should expect a good showing of wildflowers. Just remember to keep October 13th free for this walk.

Our current website has everything wrong with it. A poor background which makes it hard to read, wrong information and out of date information. After a couple of months I have finally got a response from the responsible and it shouldn't be long before all the site is removed. However we will have a website as I'm in contact with a university student from the University of SA to build another one. With this site we will get access to and hence it will be up to us, not a third party, to keep it up to date.

With warmer weather upon us I hope to see a few more people out to working bees. We could keep over 200 active members busy but we only have about 15 who come out regularly. If all members could give 2 hours a month our work force would be doubled. Perhaps current work times don't suite, let us know in the survey included in this newsletter.

Brian DuBois.



2002 FORUM

Well this years Forum, the 2002 Barossa Forum, called the Birds of Barossa has come and gone. Was it worth going to? Through my eyes, yes. Why? Would it not have been possible to stay at home, save my money and get on with life? Again the answer is yes. However, following that line of thought would lead to the eventual demise of the Forum and ultimately the smooth running of Friends of Parks.

Currently there are 6-7000 members making up 42 groups. With the impending commencement of Friends of Blackwood Forest there will soon be 43. Our group, Friends of Belair Park (FOBP), like the others, is influenced by the views of, Friends of Parks Inc. (FOP Inc) ,of which our President Brian is now also the President, the Community Liaison Unit, the National Parks & Wildlife of South Australia (NPWSA) and ultimately the Minister for the Environment and Conservation. We will not always agree with everything proposed by them and other bodies but to disengage ourselves removes the channels of information from them to us and our ability to input ideas and opinions to the very people who we depend upon to enable us to perform in the manner that we wish to.

This years Forum clearly showed the good level of support we are getting from all the above, in particular the Community Liaison Unit led by Dene Cordes and the NPWSA.

The opening on Friday night was held at Curdnatta Park, Sandy Creek. The compere for the Forum was Richard de Groot, District Ranger, Lofty / Barossa District. After a welcome by Ted Hughes, President of Para Wirra Recreation Park, our hosts for the Forum, Greg Leaman, Director NPWSA launched the 3 year strategic plan for 2003 - 5 which had been accepted by the Minister. In the last year FOP's had given 31,000 working days which had a value of some \$4M.00., there was an introduction of the Friends of Parks Inc Management Committee by its President, Brian DuBois. Following this we had presentations of a number of Minor Awards to people and Groups for particular efforts during the preceding year. Some were, Friends of Old Government House who won the award for the Best Heritage Group. Friends of Marble Hill were awarded Best Website. The award for Best Newsletter went to Friends of Flinders Ranges National Park, The Best Land Care Project went to Friends of Marino. There were also a number of awards for projects such as memberships drives, Public Information Days and Coast Care. Not everyone can be a winner and not everyone gets an award but it was nice to see that effort was not only acknowledged but rewarded. FOBP is lucky in having a size in members and proximity to our area of interest that not all other groups have. As an example, the Friends of Simpson Desert and the Friends of Kimba.

Later that evening we had a number of interesting speakers, one of whom was Tim Collins the District Ranger for Yorke District who spoke about his time as an exchange ranger working in the National Parks in Ireland. Another was a short talk by Dr. Colin Winsor who gave a very interesting presentation on the geological history of Para Wirra.

This area along with the Mount Lofty ranges was once very much underwater. He explained the formation of the rocks the changes which took place that resulted in the creation of the ranges as we know them to-day.

On Saturday the business of the Forum was held at Starplex, Evanston Park, Gawler. The location was perfect with plenty of room for the 200 or so delegates. The proceedings included a most thought provoking talk by David Paton, Lecturer, Adelaide University, on Declining Birds in the Mt. Lofty Ranges. He pointed out the damage done to many species, some now extinct, as the result of land clearing, farming and the general lack of knowledge of what needed to be done to preserve bird life. This is not just because they are a part of the environment but they are also an indicator of the level of damage done and still being done to our environment by unthinking land clearances. Birds being very conscious of their predators are loath to travel over open areas. The removal of their habitat often means the loss of their cover and food sources. In the search for survival the females may leave but the male will remain to guard his territory and try to seek a new mate until finally the species dies out.

Topics raised for discussion ranged from seeking more and better information centres and where not possible, at least a notice board, to seeking provision for a fuel grant for volunteers who have large distances to travel to work in parks. The first caused some discussion including difficulties from some quarters to get permission to place a notice board telling about the activities of FOP's in some information centres. My feeling is that in some areas there is a reluctance to assist in the manner. The second brought the advice from Dene Cordes that where considered necessary there was nothing wrong when putting in an application for funding a project to include a travel component.

Lunch was a supply of sandwiches, cake a drink and fruit in a bag which we took with us on our various prearranged tours on the district. Ann and myself were on the Devil's Nose tour in the Para Wirra RP. On arrival we demolished the food and despite the frequent falls of moisture from above had an enjoyable walk to the Devil's Nose. The walk along a ridge provided some great views of the surrounding countryside. To return, some went the way we came the rest a steep track to the stream below then a reasonably steep driving track to the Barossa Parks HQ, Para Wirra RP where all the tours met together for afternoon tea. Tea ended with an enjoyable presentation by the Kaurna Plains School Choir. Despite a drizzle we were privileged to listen to and watch a very happy young group singing aboriginal songs and performing dances. Their choir mistress persuaded us we joined in to try our hand at singing one of their songs in their language. A lot of fun was had.

On our return a quick change and back to Starplex for the dinner, the presentation of Major Awards and cutting of our 18th birthday cake celebrating 18 years of Forums. There were 2 Life Memberships awarded by Brian in his role as President of FOP's Inc. The first to David Wotton for his many years of work helping Friends who began as a idea of his and the second to Dene Cordes for his unending hard work in support of FOP's. John Dawkins MLC selected Friends of Kimba as winner of the best Display.

Sunday saw us back at Curdnatta Park for the final leg of the Forum. The day began for some very early risers who set off at 6.30 am on a guided bird walk. Those who chose to sleep in, I was one, had breakfast at Curdnatta at 8.00 am. Following this we listened to a good presentation by Ian Falkenberg, District Ranger, Mid North, on Birds of Prey. Later in the day we had an enlightening presentation by Simon Attwood, Extension Officer, Mount Lofty Ranges Bush Bird Project titled 'How you can encourage bird diversity in your patch. The sessions. The constant theme of all three speakers on birds was pointing out how important birds are to our environment. An important topic raised was the need for the minister to re-instate the budget item allowing for the use of a botanist to assist NPWSA and Friends. It was pointed out that help was also required by way of others such as an ornithologist, an adviser on aboriginal matters and some to guide us on preserving heritage areas. There were questions on how to get better publicity. A suggestion that we need a change of park names to show the public which are recreation parks and which are conservation. Another was a motion recommending the minister rename parks and trails in English and the local aboriginal language.

The final part of the Forum was a presentation by Ashley Verner, President, Friends of Riverland Parks. where the 2003 Forum will be held. As a way to learn, to support others and foster the concepts of the friends I can only encourage us to plan to attend. If nothing else you have the chance say your piece, vote for what you think and gain a new set of friends. This year Friends of Para Wirra and Sandy Creek with support from Friends of Kaiser Stuhl gave us a happy weekend and enabled us to renew old friendships, make new ones and learn more about our country and its environmental needs. Next year we will be able to move along even further, despite the disinterest of the news media. Perhaps if we shot someone or played football more notice would be taken of the 6 to 7000 people who band together along with the NPWSA and government to create a better place in which to live.

Gill Ross FOBP

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The only way to achieve the impossible is to attempt it.

Brief notes from Venomous Animals Hazards Workshop

With particular reference to snakes:-

Snakes are not normally aggressive unless provoked.

If disturbed, one should stand completely still even if it slithers over your shoes.

In about 80% of snake bites no venom is injected.

leather and rubber footwear and clothing such as jeans are an excellent protection.

A fully grown brown has fangs no more than 2mm. long.

The injection point is about half way up the fang.

It is almost impossible to identify accurately a snake by observation.

The current method of first aid treatment is well known but it is vitally important the doctor is aware of any medication being taken, even ½ an aspirin. For this reason you should carry a list with you or even give a sealed copy for your leader to carry.

Eric Cole.

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EMAIL ADDRESSES.

The Friends of Belair National Park now has its own email address.

friendsbelairnp@hotmail.com

Apologies for printing Brian's email incorrectly in past newsletters.

For personal to Brian Dubois, president, bandoobs@slmember.on.net

For personal to Jill Salvi, secretary, jrsalvi@chariot.net.au

If you have an email address that we can use, please write it on your response to the questionnaire in this newsletter if you are sending it in, else please email Jill Salvi or telephone 8278 6736.



STOCK-TAKE OF KEYS.

We are checking the list of who has which keys for the Park and the Volunteer Centre. Your help in doing this will be appreciated.

If you have keys, please advise Jill Salvi, secretary, or Brian DuBois, president, of which keys you are holding.

Keys being held include those for gates, Volunteer Centre exterior doors, and interior cage, various cupboards and cabinets.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

General meetings are held monthly, except in January, usually on the first Saturday afternoon of the month at 1pm at the Volunteer Centre (old kiosk) in Long Gully. If you are new, come along to meet the other Friends and find out which of our projects and activities you might be interested in.

Saturday September 14th 2002 1pm at the Information Centre (Sturt Office in the Park).
(Changed date and venue for this month only)

Speaker will be Steve Mill, from the South Australian Herpetology Group Inc. concerning snakes, lizards, frogs, etc.

Also, Leah Egan, who is filling the position of Liaison Ranger, will address the meeting.

Saturday October 5th 2002 1pm at the Volunteer Centre.

Tony Vaughan will tell us of Adventures in Antarctica. General meeting to follow.

Saturday November 2nd 2002 at 12.30pm at the Volunteer Centre - early start to have a barbecue lunch. Please bring a plate of salad or a sweet slice to share. Cost is \$2.50 for the meat. The general meeting will follow.

A/Deputy Regional Manager Adelaide, Malcolm Anderson, will be coming to address the meeting about the plans for Visitors' Facilities in the Park.

Saturday December 7th 2002 at 1pm at the Volunteer Centre.

Dwayne Godfrey of the Mount Lofty Animal and Plant Control Board will speak about hares and rabbits. General meeting to follow.

Don't forget to mark in your diary that our 17th birthday celebration will be on Thursday 19th December 2002 6pm at the Volunteer Centre.

TRAINING.

Recent courses have been on Handling of Chemicals, for those who are keen to poison the more tenacious weeds, and on Venomous Animals.

Our Creek Lines.

Have you noticed the poor state of our creeks?

We have regular working bees on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday mornings tackling weed eradication and significant tree projects. Your committee wondered if we have anyone who has the time and enthusiasm to organise a group to tackle our creek situation. One would need to be reasonably fit and the work would involve weeding, seed collection and propagation of seedlings for planting out on the banks. It would be an everlasting job of great interest and satisfaction.

Anyone interested please contact me on 8278 3816.

BUSH FOR LIFE COURSE, TUESDAY 22/10/2002, FOR FRIENDS OF BELAIR.

Recently we received a training grant from Friends of Parks Inc. for a Bushcare Course for the Friends of Belair National Park. As we are aiming to restore the bushland by removing weeds that compete with the native vegetation, there are methods that are more effective than others to promote natural revegetation while weeding, and this is what this day will be about. Andrew Allanson from Bush for Life will be conducting the course.

It is a full day course at the Volunteer Centre on Tuesday, October 22nd, starting at 9am, until 4pm. This is a day particularly designed for members of our weeding working bees, and for those who have adopted a block, or would like their own area to work on. We hope to be able to work smarter, not harder.

The class size is limited. If you are interested, then contact Jill Salvi on 8278 6736, or email jrsalvi@chariot.net.au, or advise your working bee leader and Jill will contact you. If there are any places remaining vacant after 22nd September, they will be offered to other Friends groups in the Sturt district.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Financial members should all have a membership card showing the Friends of Belair National Park logo (the Adelaide Rosella in colour) and "MEMBER 2002" which you can use for free access into the Park for official Friends activities. Please advise treasurer, Betty Wise, if you have not received yours.

Some members will have an orange card provided by the state government, National Parks and Wildlife SA, for people who are active workers in the Park. Details of entitlements with this card were published in the newsletter for June 02, and this card will give you free access into the Park at all times.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of all the members I would like to extend a warm welcome to CHRIS ROBINSON, DON and LEE McCULLOCH, ELVA ROBINSON and NANCY CODD. I hope you all enjoy your time with us and join in our many activities, especially the monthly meetings where you can mix and mingle with the Friends.

Barbara Warburton. Membership Secretary.

SIMONOLOGY.

What is our Friends Group coming to?

At a meeting recently, whilst our President was away, a lady member informed us that she had to streak before being able to meet the Premier on Volunteer's Day!!

Then another member informed the meeting that he likes to be whipped occasionally!!

Simon.

To Sturt District Friends Groups
From District Ranger Sturt
Subject Newsletter – July 2002

Staff

- Joe Quarmby has been Acting Ranger Grade 2 for 9 weeks
- Malcolm Lane has returned after 3 months Long Service Leave
- Janine Kraehenbuehl is acting 2IC during Richard Coombe's leave
- Janine's position is being filled by Leah Egan during the next four months
- A number of staff have taken their Annual Leave after the summer period as they tend to remain on duty for emergencies during the fire season

Friends Information

- We welcome the Friends of Moana Sands Conservation Park to the Sturt District, our 15th Friends Group
- Friends Groups are encouraged to report any sightings of the Southern Brown Bandicoot by telephoning Shane Kenny at the Sturt District office on 82785477. Information should include your name, address, contact phone number, location, GPS if available, date of sighting and any additional comments you care to provide
- Attached is a draft copy of the DEH Standard Operating Procedures for the Translocation of Fauna in SA – for your information
- The serious problem of Bridal Creeper and Bridal Veil is identified in an attached brochure – please report any sightings of Bridal Veil to Paula Peeters – contact on brochure
- Rangers are receiving numerous telephone calls from individual members of groups and it would assist in gaining some continuity by identifying one member as the Ranger contact person – this way the member is able to relay that message to the whole group and ensure no person is "left out of the loop"
- HELP – Would groups assist us with forwarding information where Rust or Leaf Hopper has been released to update our data base – a Template is attached to ensure data is of a standard format – send to PO Box 2 Belair 5052 or give information to your liaison Ranger – Leah Egan is collating this program - thanks
- If any member of a Friends Group requires training they should discuss with their relevant Ranger. Information can be supplied on Hand Machinery (chain saws), Manual Handling, Chemical Handling, Bushcare, Seed Collection and many others – it is important to gain the appropriate certification to ensure you are covered by insurance

Fire Management

- Most people believe we are now in the quiet time in relation to fires but this is where much of the planning is negotiated for the forthcoming 2002-03 season.
- We are currently identifying the areas of most RISK to life and property and considering the most appropriate actions in relation to Fire Prevention for these sites

Orienteering Events - Information

- At times we receive applications from Orienteering Groups to undertake an event in a number of parks within the District. It is a very emotive issue for some who have strong views about where, why and when approvals are given
- The decision is at the discretion of the District Ranger if the issue is not identified in the parks Plan of Management
- Before approval, consideration is given to the type of park, will disrupt other park users, is PC present, the time of year, is significant flora or fauna in the area.
- "No Go" zones also restrict access to specific areas where an approval has been given

Phytophthora cinimmomi (update)

- PC stations have been installed in Belair NP and Scott Creek CP. Signage at each site explains how to use the station and why it has been installed. Your cooperation and explanation to other park visitors would be appreciated
- If you think an area is affected by PC please contact Janine Kraehenbuehl on 8278-0003 as we are eager to collate the data. Please remember that each test requires a fee of \$45 therefore not all sites are able to be tested

Planning

- A Vegetation Management Plan for Sturt Gorge has been completed after 7 months of concentrated effort by Joe Quarmby under the guidance of Janine
- A Draft Plan of Management for the Blackwood Forest Recreation Park is nearing completion after consultation with local community representatives

Urban Forest Biodiversity Program

We have been successful in obtaining \$31,500 to undertake revegetation programs in Onkaparinga River NP and O'Halloran Hill RP during 2002-2003

Vermin Control Programs

Fox and rabbit control programs will begin again in August – sites are identified with a GPS and any "takes" recorded for reference

General

- **BE WARNED** – Public visitors and members of some of our Friends Groups have had their vehicles broken into and valuables stolen.
- To reduce the temptation you should leave all valuables at home or at least out of sight (in the boot) when working or walking in our reserves
- These incidents have occurred in Onkaparinga River NP, Belair NP and Hallett Cove CP
- Warning signs are to be installed at appropriate locations

Terry Gregory
DISTRICT RANGER STURT

TUESDAY WALKS.

The weeders have achieved a marvellous result in the North Western section of the Park.

If you and your friends come on the Professor Cleland Walk on Sunday 13th October, you will see for yourselves. The Walk commences from the National Park entrance at Belair Railway Station at 9.30am for 9.45am start.

The Friends of Belair Railway Station have offered to provide Tea and Coffee, at a small charge, before and after the walk.

There will be parking on the South side of the station off Upper Stuart Road.

See you in the Park, Judith.

FIND THE WALKING TRACK NAMES.

Ballast Pit Track.

Berri Warri.

Brady Gully.

Carawatha.

Cherry Plantation Road.

Creek Road.

Curta.

Kaloola.

Lodge Track.

Malura.

Melville Hill.

Moorowie.

Nookoo.

Pines Oval Road.

Queens Jubilee Drive.

Saddle Hill Track.

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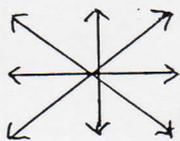
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'20 Years old in 2002'

TO: ALL FRIENDS OF PARKS GROUPS
FROM: BRIAN DUBOIS, PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: INFORMATION SHEET - JULY 2002
DATE: 29 JULY 2002

This is my second Information Sheet. The Management Committee will endeavour to produce an Information Sheet following each meeting. This should bring up to date information to Friends on a regular basis.

The twelve months prior to my election as President of the Friends of Belair National Park was a fairly quiet period. One month later I was chairing a meeting regarding Mountain Bikes in Parks. It seems that this sort of luck has followed me to my new position as President of Friends of Parks Inc. There are now three contentious issues to contend with

- 1) Draft SA Bush Walking Strategy from NPWSA
Unfortunately we got three weeks to respond. Every one else got six weeks. The environment barely rated a mention. Its main thrust seemed to be promotion and trail classification. The issue is still current and we hope to get more emphasis on environmental protection in the final draft.
- 2) Draft Recreational Trails Strategy SA Recreational Trails Co-ordinating Committee.
The document is on the Internet and is 51 pages. Because of this I e-mailed over fifty groups with e-mail contact giving the details of where to view the draft. If you can access the Internet and want to view the draft please e-mail me for details at :- bandoobs@slmember.on.net
- 3) Trail Users' Summit.
This was a two-day workshop at Wirrina. Initially Friends of Parks Inc. and the Conservation Council were not invited (an oversight?) but this was remedied by e-mails to the Hon. Michael Wright, Minister for Recreation, and to the Hon. John Hill, Minister for the Environment. It took just over 24 hours to get an invite. It was interesting that there was more environmental content at this workshop than in the two drafts mentioned above, especially the one brought out by NPWSA.

Out of this a core committee has been established on which the Conservation Council and Friends of Parks Inc. are represented. I feel there is a growing awareness among the recreational groups that the environment must be protected if we are going to have any to enjoy in the future.

MEETINGS

The 39th ordinary meeting was held on Friday, 5 July 2002, at Chesser House. New Committee members Jane Corin (Friends of Totness) and John Hunwick (Friends of Belair) were welcomed. We welcomed Patron, Dr. Barbara Hardy, A.O., who attended part of the meeting. It was decided that meetings will be held every two months, as follows:

2002	Friday 13 September	National Parks & Wildlife SA, Keswick
	Friday 08 November	Lesley Hunkin's home, Two Wells
2003	Friday 10 January	National Parks & Wildlife SA, Keswick
	Friday 14 March	Para Wirra Recreation Park Kiosk, One Tree Hill
	Friday 2 or 9 May	Annual General Meeting - Clare Hosted by the Friends of Spring Gully CP.
	Friday 11 July	National Parks & Wildlife SA, Keswick

When we hold a meeting out of the city, we usually invite local groups to attend. If you wish to attend a meeting, you are most welcome, but please let the Secretariat know.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

The Constitution amendments were lodged with the Department of Small Business and Consumer Affairs, on 03/06/02. A new copy of the Constitution was forwarded to all groups on 05/06/2002.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Grants Facilitator, Phil McNamara, has applied for the following grants:

Envirofund - biodiversity works
Envirofund - Friends training
Threatened Species Network - Bandicoot research

Groups were encouraged to apply individually for Envirofund grants.

The Friends of Canunda and Beachport Parks, and the Friends of Onkaparinga Park recently received funding from the Friends' Natural Heritage Trust funds, for Cat Control in Canunda National Park, and Bridal Creeper control at Onkaparinga Park.

It was agreed that no unfinancial Friends Groups will be eligible to apply for grants from Friends of Parks Inc.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Friends of Parks Inc. has applied for full membership of the Council. This will give Friends of Parks Inc. three representatives who have voting rights. These representatives are Jane Corin, Dr. Michael Sullivan, and Cathy Potts.

PROPOSED SEMINAR

At the Annual General Meeting it was agreed that Friends of Parks Inc. should support future seminars on complex issues, which cannot be satisfactorily discussed in the time available at Forums. The Management Committee decided that the issue of the "definitions" of zoning in Management Plans for Parks is a priority issue, particularly if NPWSA intends to use policies it has been developing to guide its zoning in Management Plans. A sub-committee has been formed to prepare information for this seminar. If you have any relevant information please contact Jane Corin, John Hunwick or Dr. Michael Sullivan). If you have any suggestions for other topics for seminars please let Pam know.

NEXT SEMINAR

The next seminar will be entitled 'Definitions of Zoning in Management Plans for Parks'. More information will follow.

MULTIPLE USE OF PARKS

National Parks & Wildlife SA Draft Bushwalking Policy.

NPWSA has been preparing a bushwalking policy for the last twelve months. Unfortunately it did not ask for any input from Friends groups until recently, when it released a draft of the policy. Then it gave an inadequate amount of time and copies for Friends of Parks Inc. to be able to disseminate it to interested Friends groups for comment. As President, I met with Paul Tulloch, Senior Policy Adviser NPWSA, to express my disappointment at this inadequate amount of consultation. I gave him a short submission to back up these comments (see attached copy). However, we have not had any feedback about our concerns and the Management Committee has asked me to write a letter to the Director of National Parks & Wildlife SA, outlining the concerns of Friends of Parks Inc. I will ask for further time and an opportunity for input and discussion between Friends groups and NPWSA on this draft policy, along with the draft horse-riding and Mountain Bike draft policies.

In the meantime I have a copy of the draft bushwalking policy which can be emailed to any interested Friends groups and a hard copy of the Appendices which can be photocopied to indicate the trail classifications for the trails in your particular Park. Please contact me directly if you wish to receive this information. The various trail classifications have implications for the promotion and marketing level given for the trails and for the likely priority, therefore, of funding. One glaring inadequacy is the apparent low priority for funding likely to be given to trails classified as E - or environmentally unsustainable.

GIFT FUND COMMITTEE

Groups are reminded that donations requiring tax deductibility need to be managed through the Gift Fund. Daphne Johncock is the Treasurer of the Gift Fund. Donations of up to \$1000 can be channelled back to the group if the donor requests that the money be spent in a particular park, and the receiving group applies for a grant.

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SA - A NEW ADDRESS

For those members who do not know, NPWSA staff at Chesser House and Kensington will move to 1 Richmond Road, Keswick (former Australian National Railways/Western Mining Corporation Building), at the end of August/early September. As yet, telephone numbers and exact location of staff members is not known.

CONCLUSION

I look forward to meeting members at the Forum in September.

Brian DuBois

PRESIDENT

FRIENDS OF PARKS INC.

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CARROT AND ZUCCHINI MUFFINS.

2cups SR Flour

1/2 Tspn bicarb soda.

1 cup grated carrot.

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

3/4 cup milk.

1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed.

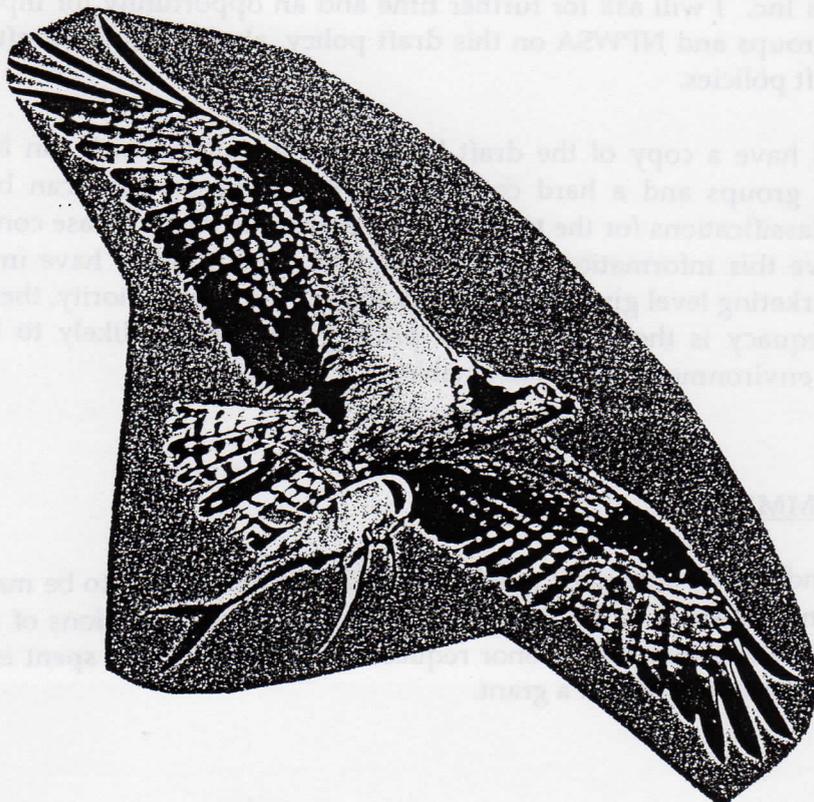
1 Tspn cinnamon.

1 cup grated zucchini.

2 eggs.

90g butter, melted.

Sift flour, sugar, soda and cinnamon into a basin, mix in carrot, zucchini and walnuts. Make well in centre of dry ingredients add lightly beaten eggs, milk and butter. Mix with fork until just combined. Drop tablespoons of mixture into greased muffin tins, bake in moderate oven for 20 minutes. Makes 12.



A HOLIDAY IN THE KIMBERLEY AREA

I was a little apprehensive about going on a three week trip from Broome to Darwin along the Gibb River road. The plan of the tour leader - daughter Lesley - was to book some accommodation and camp the rest of the time and I had slept in a tent only one night in my entire life. However, after a while (and some assistance) my little dome tent went up and came down almost as fast as the other two.

The highlights of a great holiday . . .

Middle Lagoon on the Dampier peninsula where we walked through flowering plants to a deserted tropical beach. Rock pools, palm trees (*pandanus spiralis*), and calm warm water enticed even me to have a swim which ended when a voice said "get out of the water now". One of the girls had seen a fin. Safely on the sand we enjoyed watching a shovelnose shark cruising back and forth along the edge of the water. It stayed long enough to be captured on camera.

Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek are spectacular. Walking in the dark for 750 m in and out of water up to your hips is not to be forgotten - especially when you are told afterwards that it is home to freshwater crocodiles. I wish I had known some of the history of this area before visiting it. 'Jandamarra and the Bunuba Resistance' a book I now have, is the story of the people in the Kimberleys in the late 19th century.

Bell Creek - We were lucky to get a riverside campsite and much time was spent on chairs in the rocky shallow creek lined with tall paperbarks and *pandanus*. Birds, campfires, good food, and books to read, all made this place a little paradise. One day the park ranger called in, a bit perturbed as twenty dead turtles in a net had been found. Presumably the net had been cut loose by an illegal fisherman disappointed with his catch. The ranger estimated this was around half the local population of turtles.

Lennard Gorge was where I sat in the shade near a 'Kimberley rose' in full bloom (*brachychiton viscidulus*) while the other three climbed down to the bottom for a freezing cold swim. The last 2 k driving in to this gorge is a true 4WD track and my city eyes were closed at times as it appeared Harry was about to topple over. Harry is a Toyota Landcruiser. In contrast, Galvans was an easy walk to a big pool where for a few hours we were the only visitors having a leisurely cuppa, swim and lunch. The makings of a cuppa were always in someone's backpack!

On the road in to Mt. Elizabeth Station there were groves of *grevillia pteridifolia* Big bright orangy flowers on trees up to 10 m high. A morning was spent messing about on the banks of the Hann river - beaches, big flat rocks, varied vegetation - very beautiful.

Delayed due to a problem while changing a wheel, a drive in the dark along one of the roughest sections of road brought us to El Questro. Here the chief chef - daughter Carol - had a break for a few days while we ate at The Steakhouse. Zebedee Springs is a delight with warm pools of running water under palm trees to laze in.

Next stop Kunnanurra to restock and then south to Purnululu also known as the Bungle Bungles. There is so much to see in this amazing place, Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm, one could go on and on. There were masses of red *grevillia wickhamii*, many other *grevillias* and *acacias* in flower. A flight in a tiny bell helicopter with no door was the scariest but best experience. Much to my surprise photos taken from above with my cheap camera came out pretty good. The 50 k drive in to the Bungle Bungles has many creek crossings and takes at least 2 hours.

Victoria River - Big cranes building a concrete bridge over this wide river seemed strange as it was wilderness on the far side. We heard later it may be an army construction so soldiers can get over the river to do their exercises.

Two weeks in Darwin and my holiday was over. While in Darwin I went to the launch of a book on the control of weeds in northern Australia - we are not alone . . .

**TO: FRIENDS OF PARKS INC.
N.P. & W. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

FROM: MANAGER COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT

SUBJECT: NATURE FOUNDATION S.A. INC.

DATE: 7TH AUGUST 2002

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I refer to you the undermentioned resolution that was passed during the 17th Forum, held at Ceduna.:-

"That this forum morally supports and talks about the work of the Nature Foundation SA, which is fund-raising for projects and land acquisition for National Parks, and that delegates spread the message of this work"

The resolution is clearly one of support by the forum.

Would you please convey this message to all members of your Friends Group or Consultative Committee?

The Nature Foundation S.A. (formerly National Parks Foundation of S.A. Inc.) is situated at number 32 Holden Street, Hindmarsh, S.A. 5007. The postal address is P.O. Box 448, Hindmarsh 5007. You can phone the Foundation offices on 1300 366 191.

The Foundation offers tax deductability for donations which are welcome at any time. Many projects have been funded in recent years, including assistance towards purchase of new parks, increased land for existing parks, wildlife projects, displays, public education, and heritage sites.

The Foundation also funds several major awards at Friends of Parks Forums, and assists the Forum with a "Foundation Lunch".

You are encouraged to support the Foundation and to spread the word about its important role.


Dene Cordes
MANAGER, COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT
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MEETING WITH JANINE KRAEHNBUHL, Tuesday 20.8.02 at 9 a.m.

Re: BRIDAL CREEPER AND OTHER MATTERS

Present : Vaike Aldridge, Jenny Skinner, Betty Wise

Bridal Creeper

Janine drove us to a site on Queen's Jubilee Drive Approx. 150m through the gate past Old Government House where leaf hopper had been released. The Bridal Creeper plants in pots had completely disappeared and a minimal amount of the creeper nearby had been destroyed. It was thought the insect may be dormant during Winter and the site will continue to be monitored.

We then inspected the area near the railway line on VMU18 where bridal creeper is spreading rapidly.

Janine stated a 3-pronged approach to the problem was required, i.e. biological, poisoning and digging.

1. Biological - Janine to speak to contact re supplies of rust/leaf hopper for breeding by the Friends.
2. Poison - large infestations to be sprayed by Park staff or contractors. Janine suggests we apply for a grant from N.H.T. for this purpose and will notify when and how to apply. Friends to spot spray smaller infestations as we weed through the Unit.
3. Small infestations are better dug out, bagged and removed from the site.

Please advise Janine of the infestation and suggest the best approach.

Land Care

We inspected a section of VMU23 where rare orchids have been found. Conservation 1 areas should be cared for following Land Care principles, i.e. ALL feral plants to be removed. Vaike and Jenny offered to monitor this site.

Cons. 2 areas need less intense weeding. In areas that are considerably degraded, such as near the railway line VMU18, it was suggested that any native in the area be given encouragement by completely clearing weeds surrounding it.

General

The Park staff need to know what volunteers are doing, e.g. poisoning, planting, etc. It would be beneficial if Adopt-A-Block workers kept records of work carried out and mapped areas of concern.

In general the three volunteers who attended felt it was a worth-while meeting, and gained some helpful tips.

SURVEY

The Friends are conducting a survey of members' interests and encourage suggestions for the future success of the organization. It would be appreciated if you would complete the following questionnaire and return to P.O. Box 2, Belair 5052 or leave at the Park Office, addressed to "F.O.B. Survey".

YOUR INTEREST IN THE FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK :

Weeding	[]	Administration	[]
Propagating	[]	Walking	[]
Planting	[]	Meeting people	[]
Seed collection	[]	Financial support	[]
Special projects	[]	Other (please specify)	[]

IF WEEDING, WOULD YOU PREFER ?

Morning	[]	Initial clearing	[]		
Afternoon	[]	Follow-up	[]		
Day of week	_____	Adopt-A-Block	[]		
Once a week	[]	Once a fortnight	[]	Occasionally	[]

Note: Not all weeding is heavy work. Members can work at their own pace and physical ability.

NEWSLETTER - WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER? (i.e. besides reports, notices, programmes, etc.)

Informative articles	[]	Trivia	[]
Members' stories	[]	Other (please specify)	[]

SPEAKERS AT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS :

What would you like to hear? _____

Do you know of an interesting speaker? Name: _____

Subject: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Do you have any other comments? If insufficient space write on the back.

Name (or anonymous) _____