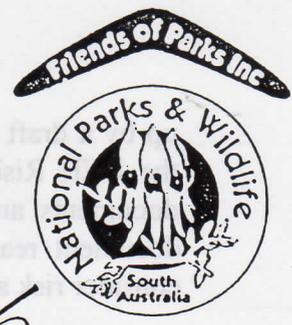




Friends of Belair National Park

volunteers working for Conservation
Established 1985



Best Newsletter 1996 - Friends Group of the year 1998

JUNE 2003

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In April, eleven of our members attended a seminar jointly arranged by Friends of Parks Inc and the Department for Environment and Heritage. This was to provide information and discussion on zoning and management plans. There were two sessions, the first on "Improving Liaison & Communication Throughout the Planning Process" and the second on "Zoning as a Tool for Improved Nature Conservation Outcomes". With eight speakers and discussion sessions the seminar was both well planned and informative. Friends' views were diverse and I found the comments by David Moyle, Reserves Planning & Management Advisory Committee Chairman interesting and worth passing on. David pointed out that rather than focussing on the negatives of Departmental practices, Friends in parks should be more encompassing of the broader issues at stake. He pointed out that members of Friends groups number about 6000 for the whole State and with this being a small number for an effective political voice, can exert only a small influence on increasing government finance for conservation and biodiversity on their own. It is therefore very important that we broaden our base and bring more of the general public onside. As members of Friends of Belair we all have a common interest in the conservation and protection of the environment for future generations, but we have varying personal views on how we need to go about achieving this goal. Do we tend to be too focussed in our views? David said that the community is not valuing our parks and that, as we need a broad base of support, we must be careful not to step over the boundary and alienate what could be much needed support. As one Friend said, "Don't lock up our parks".

The Annual General Meeting for Friends of Parks Inc was held in the former courthouse and police station at Auburn in the Clare Valley. A large contingent from Friends of Belair attended, travelling by bus. After the meeting and a tour of the National Trust property we had a typical country lunch. In the afternoon we went on a bus tour of the town and inspected the Uniting Church, formerly the Bible Christian Church opened in 1861. Its cedar gallery is a fine example of colonial craftsmanship. The day provided an excellent opportunity to network with other Friends.

In February Friends groups received a copy of Determination No. 27, Public Sector Management Act relating to volunteers in Government Agencies. This has been followed

up by a draft version of Standard Operating Procedures - 024 Volunteers, compiled by the DEH Risk Management Unit for comment. Our committee has discussed these documents and submitted a submission. There is much to be resolved before this document reaches its next stage. Your committee has formed a sub-committee to consider risk assessment/management for the group.

Chris Farrington from the Friends of Belair Railway Station spoke to us and showed a video at our March meeting, rekindling early memories of Belair. We were all very disappointed to learn of the fire which destroyed the historic signal box and surrounding building in May. Belair has lost a significant historic building with all its memorabilia and we share its loss with the Friends of Belair Railway Station. At our May meeting Dr Barbara Hardy AO spoke on global sustainability from a global perspective.

The Chemical Users Project course in May was attended by eleven members. The course is a forerunner to Friends using herbicides in our Park. It covered a broad range of useful topics with comprehensive notes.

Ron

** Terry Gregory, District Ranger, Sturt, has written to Belair Friends and the contents of his letter were discussed at our May meeting. I feel it is of importance to quote parts of his letter for those unable to attend.

"Dear Friends

Recently, a female person came across an illegal campsite in Belair NP. The male person occupying the campsite approached the female, and touched/grabbed her backpack.

We advise that all volunteers working in the park, work in teams of two (minimum). If a campsite is found by a volunteer, please note the location, and leave the area immediately. Do not talk to anyone present at the site. Please notify a ranger as soon as possible, who will take the appropriate legal actions required, on: 8278 5477."

SEMINAR

Whilst the main concern of the members of our Friends group is the care and protection of the Belair National Park, other members of the community are also generally interested in the conservation and creation of a healthy environment for the benefit of future generations.

The Council of Pensioners and Retired Persons (COPARP) which is made up of a number of community organisations (COTA, ARPA etc) organise seminars where prominent persons are invited to participate and hear the views of members.

In planning for the forthcoming seminar a number of issues were discussed and proposed. Two main subjects which were considered of urgent representation were environment and health/bulk billing.

"Looking Forward, Looking Back" is a symposium of important issues for older people and how they can work together to have an influence. It will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12 Sudholz Street, Adelaide (off Flinders Street) on Wednesday 13th August from 10am to 3pm. Registration at 9.30am. Gold coin donation.

Paul Franche

**Take a walk beyond Echo Tunnel on the Waterfall Track to see the track upgrade by the Correctional Services team. This part of the track will become part of the Yurrebilla Trail which starts at the Belair Railway Station. The Yurrebilla Trail will follow Workanda Track to gate 7 and then along Pony Ridge Trail to Brownhill Creek and beyond. It is planned to launch the Yurrebilla Trail this July/August.

HOLIDAY WALKS

Six brave walkers attended the Easter Monday holiday walk in the Waite Conservation Park. This park is in the foothills near the Waite Campus and contains good stands of grey box woodland. The views of the Adelaide Plains and Belair area were well worth the steep ascent.

Forecast wet weather deterred all but the keenest to attend the walk in the Hallett Cove Conservation Park on Volunteers Day. What better day to see the sea in action - and the rain held off except for the last 300 metres back to the cars.

VALETE

Rhodes Barlow died at home 29 March, aged 79. Early this year Rhodes was presented with a certificate marking his 10 year membership of the Friends of Belair. He took part in the Tuesday walks and joined Lynda Knight wedding near the Upper Sturt Lodge. Rhodes was active in propagating and planting cotton bush for the Monarch (Wanderer) butterfly on his own property and encouraging others to do likewise.

Lyndal Howard died at Flinders Medical Centre on 24 April. She had been in failing health for some time. Lyndal had a great interest in and love of native plants. She will be remembered particularly for her contribution as a member of the herbarium team of the Significant Tree Project and her work in tending the native grasses and shrubs in the garden bed at the Volunteer Centre.

REMINDER – BOOK NOW.

19 – 21 September 2003 19th FRIENDS OF PARKS ANNUAL FORUM

On the banks of the Murray at Berri. Make your accommodation booking and let the organisers know that you will be attending. Program, information, lists of hotels/motels, caravan parks, houseboats, etc, also bus times Adelaide to Berri, available from secretary, Jill, 8278 6736.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The following are areas which are currently being worked. If you are interested in helping in any particular area please contact the member concerned.



VMU8. East side of Sir Edwin Avenue (Feral Tree Grant area). Pine, pittosporum, olive. Help required removing small regrowth of boneseed. Easy. Can be done at any time.
Ron 8278 6593

VMUs 17,24. Follow-up boneseed, etc. Good native vegetation. Not hard work. Leave from Information Centre 8.30 am. sharp TUESDAY or FRIDAY, or ring Eric 8278 3816

VMU20. Railway dam area. Removal of boneseed. Leave from Information Centre 9 am. sharp SUNDAY or ring Brian 8278 4275

VMU12. Workanda Creek badly infested with olive, blowfly bush, hawthorn, etc. Challenging but rewarding - lovely creekline when cleared. Doug 8278 3685

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

On behalf of all the members we would like to extend a warm welcome to Glynn Nicholas, Harold Crouch, George and Joan Rae, Belinda Smyth and Michael Georgiou.

We hope you enjoy your time with us and join in our many activities, especially the monthly meetings where you can mix and mingle with the Friends.

(Glynn and Harold have already become happy members of our work teams.)

LAST REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE DUE 1ST JANUARY

To the members who have not yet paid their 2003 subscription we thank you for your past support but advise this will be your last Newsletter under your 2002 membership.

The Treasurer
Friends of Belair National Park
P.O. Box 2
BELAIR 5052

I enclose my membership renewal of \$10 Single/\$15 Family.

Name : Address :
..... Telephone :

EXTRACTS FROM THE FoPInc INFORMATION SHEET APRIL 2003.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

To allocate the \$27273 received from the Natural Heritage Trust's Envirofund: 'Communities Actively Restoring Degraded Landscapes to Support Biodiversity Outcomes'. This money has been awarded to: (11 Friends of Parks groups were listed)

TRAINING

The following courses are to be held:

Chemical Workshops

Chainsaw Use and Maintenance – Belair

Brushcutter - metropolitan course

First Aid - available on request (see elsewhere in this newsletter)

WEBSITE – COMMUNITY JOURNALISM PROGRAMME

This is now 'live' and can be found at: <http://www.communitywebs.org/FriendsofParks>
This Information Sheet, the Induction Document, and Memorandum of Understanding, are now available on the site, as will be a request for the Constitution. The Management Committee is currently updating the Memorandum of Understanding which was first prepared in 1999 and adopted at the Pinnaroo Friends Forum. The Department has a link to our site: www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/friends.html

ADOPTION SCHEMES

These commenced in 1988, and can be renewed. Schemes involved are:

Adopt a Trail Adopt a School Adopt a Heritage Site

Other activities for which certificates can be prepared are:

Getting to know your flora

Prepare a Brochure

Liaison with Staff

Recruitment

Ornithology

Native Grasses and Weed Control

Guided Walks

FRIENDS EXCHANGE SCHEME

An international Interstate Friends Exchange Scheme for up to one year could be commenced. The Management Committee has suggested a mechanism to allow our Friends to live in another country or state by swapping houses, vehicles, etc., just like the Staff Exchange scheme. If anyone is interested in such a scheme, please advise the Community Liaison Unit.

ANZAC DAY WALK.

Eleven walkers went through Blackwood Forest and on to Frank Smith Park, where we found a New Wetland at the northern end of the oval, allowing the Sturt River to flow through and cleanse. We then went to the Sturt Linear Park and were amazed at the amount of water flowing down the river. Returning to our cars about 11.45am.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WALK.

Monday 9th June meet at Shepherds Hill Recreation Park, Ayliffes Road Car Park at 9am. U.B.D Map 153 Q1. Ring Ron 8278 6593.

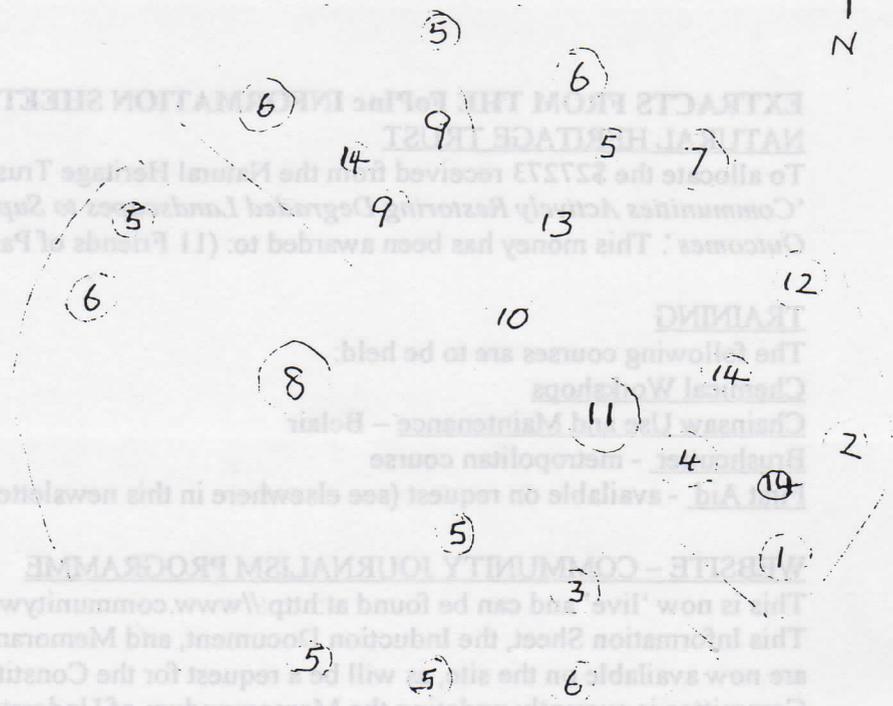
** A duck's quack doesn't echo and no one knows why.

** In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

Sketch of Volunteer Garden



- 1 *Bursaria spinosa*
- 2 *Dodonaea*
- 3 *Acacia acinacea*
- + *Acacia pycantha*
- 5 *Dichopogon*
- 6
- 7
- 8 *Themeda triandra*
- 1 *Callistemon*
- 0
- 11
- 12 *Villadina backii*
- 13 *Ixodia achillaeoides*
- 14 *Hardenbergia violacea*



- COMMON NAMES
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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Christmas Bush | 2 Hop-bush |
| 3 Round-leaved Wattle | 4 Golden Wattle |
| 5 Vanilla lily | 6 sedge |
| 7 native grass | 8 Kangaroo grass |
| 9 Bottle brush | 10 Swan bush |
| 11 yellow daisy | 12 Western new Holland daisy |
| 13 Ixodia | |
| 14 native lilac | |

TUESDAY WALKS.

Meet at Information Centre at 2pm. Duration of walks approx, 1 1/2 hours.
 June 10th and 24th
 July 8th 22nd and 29th.
 August 12th and 26th

ANOTHER TASTY RECIPE FROM MARY COLE.

MUSTARD SAUCE. (GREAT WITH SILVERSIDE)

Cooking time: 15 minutes. Makes 1 cup.

1 cup chicken stock, 6 spring onions, finely chopped, 1 tablespoon wine vinegar,
 2 tablespoons wholegrain mustard, 1 cup sour cream.

Combine stock, onions, vinegar and mustard in a medium saucepan.
 Boil for 5 minutes or until the liquid is reduced by half. Add sour cream.
 Stir to combine. Heat through without boiling. Serve warm.

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LIAISON RANGER Janine Kraehenbuehl, Sturt Office, Belair National Park
STURT DISTRICT DUTY OFFICER AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY CONTACT.
Telephone 1300 650 411. Quote pager number 465 283. Leave message.
Duty Officer will then respond.

FIRST AID TRAINING.

Funding for training is now available under the recent Envirofund grant won by Friends of Parks Inc.

If any member wishes to undertake either the Senior First Aid course or Senior First Aid revision, with Aust Red Cross, or Basic First Aid with either Red Cross or St.John Ambulance, please ring Jill Salvi on 8278 6736 so we can arrange your funding. Then you can book a course at a time to suit you.

COMING SPEAKERS.

Saturday June 7th 1 pm at the Volunteer Centre, Dene Cordes on "The Importance of Folklore in the History of Belair National Park."

Saturday July 5th 1 pm at the Volunteer Centre, Dr. Jennifer Gardner from the Waite Arboretum.

Saturday August 2nd 1 pm at the Volunteer Centre Nick Fewster of KESAB, on Water Watch.

Sunday October 12th approx 12.30pm at the Volunteer Centre, Nicola Keane, on indigenous foods, with samples to taste, see below.

EARLY NOTICE OF PROFESSOR CLELAND MEMORIAL WALK.

Sunday 12th October 2003 in Belair National Park.

Free guided walks for the public, for approximately 2 hours, one in the morning, and a different one in the afternoon. Midday break at the Volunteer Centre with a talk on indigenous foods with tastings. BYO lunch, snacks, etc. Come for a half day or a full day. Enquires to Judith 8271 1534.

** No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

** Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

** Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.

** American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class

** It is possible to lead a cow upstairs....but not downstairs.

SIMONOLOGY

A young couple very much in love were on their way to see the Minister to make the final arrangements for their wedding. Unfortunately, they were involved in a fatal crash.

Arriving in heaven, they explained the situation to St Peter and requested him to make arrangements for their marriage. St. Peter explained that they would have to wait five years. After the period of five years they went back to St. Peter said that they would have to wait yet longer. For the next five years they returned each year only to be told to come back again. Finally they were married and were very happy, as newlyweds usually are.

But as often happens the "novelty" wears off and after a while, they returned to St. Peter and him to arrange for a divorce. St. Peter was enraged.

"Don't you realise that it took me 10 years before I could find a Minister in heaven and now you expect me to find a lawyer."

Simon

